

April 21, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-94-020

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region IV staff on this date.

Facility

Texas Agreement State Licensee
Tucker Wire Line
Corpus Christi, Texas

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

Subject: LOST SOURCE

Region IV was notified on April 20, 1994 of a lost 3 Curie Americium Beryllium source by a Texas Agreement State licensee. The State was notified by the licensee on April 19, 1994, that the source was believed to have fallen off of a truck somewhere in the vicinity of Freer, Texas and Interstate 16. The licensee, Tucker Wire Line, has retraced the truck's route without any success in locating the lost source. The source container is a fourteen-inch sphere, painted purple, has a five-inch by one-inch handle, and weighs 78 pounds. The State is coordinating with the licensee in their search for the lost source.

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