

April 25, 1994

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

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 (UPDATE)

On April 25, 1994 a representative from the Texas Bureau of Radiation Control notified Region IV of the location of a recently reported lost source. The 3 curie Americium Beryllium source was reported lost on April 19, 1994 by representatives from Tucker Wire Line. The source was found by a rancher in the vicinity of Freer, Texas. The rancher found the container and noted a radiation sign on the side. He took the container to his barn for storage until he could locate the owner. The container was still locked with the source intact. It is not known if the licensee contacted the rancher or the rancher contacted the licensee.

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