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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-I-91-11

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of event 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 I staff on this date.

Facility: Stanford Mining Company P.O. Box 188 Dixonville, Pennsylvania 15734 License No. 37-18226-01	Licensee Emergency Classification: Notification of Unusual Event Alert Site Area Emergency
	General Emergency X Not Applicable

Subject: EXCAVATION AND RECOVERY OF A NUCLEAR WEIGH SCALE

On February 2, 1991, representatives of Stanford Mining recovered a Texas Nuclear, Incorporated Model 5096 Nuclear Weigh Scale containing a 200 millicurie sealed source of cesium 137. The scale had been utilized in Stanford's mining operations and was improperly disposed of following closure of those operations. The scale was excavated from a reclamation area of the Penn Hill No. 2 Mine, located near Indiana, Pennsylvania. Region I inspectors assisted with the recovery and ascertained that no radioactive material was released from the scale to the environment.

On February 4, 1991, the licensee contacted Texas Nuclear, Incorporated to arrange for scale transport and disposal. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was notified of these events on February 6, 1991.

This case is part of an ongoing investigation conducted by the Office of Investigation's Region I Field Office.

This notification is current as of 10:00 a.m. on February 6, 1991.

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