

February 18, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-94-008

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 II staff on this date.

Facility

Agreement State Licensee
Industrial Ndt
4930 Tuffs Rd.
Mobile, Alabama

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: MISSING IRIDIUM-192 RADIOGRAPHY DEVICE

On February 18, 1994, a representative of the State of Alabama informed Region II that Industrial NDT (INDT) had reported to the State on February 17, 1994, that they had lost a Tech Ops 660 radiography device containing 71 Curies (Ci) of Iridium-192 in Mobile County, Alabama. The licensee initially believed that the device fell from a truck during transit. The State and licensee re-ran the truck's route to search for the device visually and with radiation survey meters. They were unable to locate the device. The State notified the Mobile area news media on February 17, 1994 regarding the loss of the device, and on February 18, 1994, issued a press release that included a photo of the device. The licensee has stated that the device may have been taken by a disgruntled former employee who left employment with a set of the licensee's keys.

This information is current as of 11:00 a.m. on February 18, 1994.

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