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April 9, 1993

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-93-016

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

Atec Associates Of Virginia
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Chantilly, VA
Dockets: 93030936 License No: 45-16546-04

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: Damaged Troxler Gauge

At approximately 2:10 p.m. a representative of the Fairfax County Hazardous Materials (hazmat) Team contacted Region II to report an accident involving a portable moisture/density gauge. The source was retracted and in the shielded position when the accident occurred. The technician was working with the gauge at a temporary jobsite in Fairfax County, VA. There was no damage to the source. The main project contractor removed all personnel from the area and contacted the local fire department. Fairfax County's hazmat team responded to the scene. The Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) of the licensee's Columbia, MD office also responded to the scene. Hazmat personnel notified the Virginia Bureau of Radiation Control and the NRC.

By the time the RSO arrived at the site, hazmat personnel had securely placed the damaged gauge in its shipping container. The RSO contacted the NRC, described the event and indicated that the package containing the gauge was being sent to Troxler's regional service center in Columbia, MD. No excessive radiation levels were measured during the incident by hazmat personnel.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has been notified.

This information is current as of 4:00 p.m. on April 9, 1993.

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