

July 14, 1993

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-93-027

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<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Las Piedras Construction Corp.	Notification of Unusual Event
Las Piedras Construction Corp.	Alert
Ponce, Puerto Rico	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 03031955 License No: 52-25125-01	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: Damaged Moisture/Density Gauge

At approximately 5:15 p.m. on July 13, 1993, the licensee reported an accident involving a portable nuclear moisture/density gauge containing 10 millicuries of Cesium 137 and 40 millicuries of Americium 241. The licensee indicated that a scraper at a new road construction site in Ponce, Puerto Rico, ran over the gauge, causing the cesium source rod to break off into the ground and damage to the case housing the americium source. The licensee roped off the area and have posted a security guard overnight to ensure that there is no access to the area until qualified personnel arrive to assess radiological conditions. On July 14, 1993,

licensee's Radiation Safety Officer and a radiation physics consultant are on their way to the scene of the accident to assess the situation. Region II determined that radiation levels at the boundary of the roped off area are less than 0.2 millirem per hour and the licensee's actions were adequate until the Radiation Safety Officer arrives.

This information is current as of 11:00 a.m. on July 14, 1993.

The commonwealth of Puerto Rico has been notified.

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<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Unaform, Inc.	Notification of Unusual Event
Unaform, Inc.	Alert

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