

October 1, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-92-066

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

Tennessee Department Of Transportation
Tennessee Dept Of Transportation
Knoxville, Tennessee

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: STOLEN MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE

The Deputy Director, Tennessee Division of Radiological Health (DRH) notified the Region II Agreement State Officer that their licensee had reported a theft of a Troxler, Model 3411, Moisture Density Gauge. The gauge contains approximately 9 millicuries of cesium-137 and 44 millicuries of americium-241:Be.

The device was reportedly stolen from a camper-type State pick-up truck parked at a State Department of Transportation employee's home sometime during the night of September 30, 1992.

The State DRH has issued a press release and will follow-up on the theft of the device and the licensee's material control procedures. The local authorities were also notified by the licensee.

This information is current as of 2:30 p.m., October 1, 1992.

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