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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-94-030

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 IV staff on this date.

EVENT NUMBER: N/A EVENT DATE: June 16, 1994 LICENSEE: N/A FACILITY: UNIT NUMBER: N/A	TYPE OF FACILITY: <input type="checkbox"/> Power Reactor <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Research Reactor <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Well Logging <input type="checkbox"/> Other
THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED FOR MATERIAL LICENSEES ONLY ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: DOCKET: LICENSE:	LICENSEE EMERGENCY CLASSIFICATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event <input type="checkbox"/> Alert <input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

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SUBJECT: DISCOVERY OF RADIOGRAPHY CAMERA IN TRASH

DESCRIPTION: On June 16, 1994, Region 4 was notified by the state of Oklahoma of a device discovered by a trash contractor in Checotah, Oklahoma. A local County Emergency Management employee described the device as 1 foot tall with a handle and tubes on the side. A label affixed to the device read "IR-192, Model 100-A-1, Serial Number 10226." The device was taken to the Checotah Police Department. This employee performed a survey with a Civil Defense survey meter and obtained a reading of 10 mr/hr at 6 inches.

A nearby NRC licensee (radiographer) was contacted by regional staff on the morning of June 17, 1994, and went to the Police Department to perform additional surveys and to transport the device to their facility for temporary storage pending resolution of this matter. He reported to Region IV at 10:30 a.m. that the device recovered is an Iriditron Model 100-A-1 radiographic exposure device which is no longer manufactured. Radiation levels were measured at less than 1.0 mr/hr at the surface of the device. There is no source in the device. The device is currently stored at the licensee's facility. Region IV will attempt to track the serial number and determine the origin of the device.

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The state of Oklahoma has been informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the state of Oklahoma at 4:35 p.m. on June 16, 1994. Region IV has informed NMSS.