

February 22, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-94-009

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

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Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE

The Tennessee Agreement State Program notified NRC on February 21, 1994 that a Troxler portable gauge was reported stolen from a construction site in Memphis, Tennessee. The device is a Troxler, Series 3411, model B device containing approximately 8 millicuries of cesium-137 and 40 millicuries of americium-241/beryllium.

The device was reportedly locked, and taken from a temporary job site trailer which was also locked.

The local police authorities were notified, and a press release is being prepared by the Tennessee Radiation Control Program.

Tennessee inspectors responded to the site, and the State is continuing their investigation. Initial information indicates that the Alabama licensee had not been authorized to work in Tennessee under reciprocity.

Alabama was notified on February 22, 1994.

This information is current as of 01:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 1994.

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