

April 6, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-94-019

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

Troxler Electronic Laboratories, Inc.
Troxler Electronic Laboratories
3008 Cornwallis Road
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 2770
License No: NC032-0182-1

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: POTENTIALLY LEAKING SEALED SOURCE

North Carolina, an Agreement State, notified Region II that a Licensee, Troxler Laboratories, Inc., had reported receiving a shipment of new sealed sources from Amersham, of which one source is suspected of leaking.

The source was identified as an 8.4 millicurie, cesium-137 source manufactured by Amersham, Batch No. UB 9424, serial No. 5066CF. The Troxler leak test indicated a contamination level of 0.0297 microcuries as compared to an allowable level of 0.005 microcuries.

On April 5, 1994, Troxler received a source shipment of 125 sources contained in seven containers (pigs). The suspect source was identified in one of the pigs. The entire shipment is being held in storage at the Troxler facility until the leaking status of the suspect source is determined by the Amersham Corporation. The suspect source has been repackaged as normal form material, and is being returned to Amersham via Federal Express.

This information is current as of 2:00 p.m., April 6, 1994.

There has been no news media interest at this time.

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