

February 22, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-94-008A

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

Agreement State Licensee  
Industrial Ndt  
4930 Tuffs Rd.  
Mobile, Alabama

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: RECOVERED MISSING IRIDIUM-192 RADIOGRAPHY DEVICE

On February 18, 1994, a representative of the State of Alabama informed Region II that Industrial NDT (INDT) had reported to the State on February 17, 1994, that they had lost a Tech Ops 660 radiography device containing 71 Curies (Ci) of Iridium-192 in Mobile County, Alabama. The licensee initially believed that the device fell from a truck during transit. The State and licensee re-ran the truck's route to search for the device visually and with radiation survey meters. They were unable to locate the device. The State notified the Mobile area news media on February 17, 1994 regarding the loss of the device, and on February 18, 1994, issued a press release that included a photo of the device. On February 18, 1994, the licensee also offered a 1000 dollar reward for the return of the device.

On February 22, 1994 the State reported that the device had been returned, and the device had not sustained any apparent damage. An operational check and a source leak test was performed.

For purposes of this lost device, this event is closed.

This information is current as of 11:45 a.m. on February 22, 1994.

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