

May 2, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-94-023

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.

Facility

Louisiana Agreement State Licensee
Global X-Ray & Testing
Morgan City, Louisiana

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: LOST SOURCE

Region IV was notified via fax on May 2, 1994, of a lost 100 Ci Iridium source in the Gulf of Mexico. The source was lost during the process of transferring personnel, tools, clothing, and the radioactive source (in its shielded container) from a boat to a barge in a personnel basket. The transfer was being conducted in rough water, at 2 a.m., on May 1, 1994, when the contents of the basket was accidentally dumped into 228 feet of water. The event occurred in a area of the Gulf of Mexico regulated by the state of Louisiana. The state considers the source to be irretrievable. No personnel injuries were reported.

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