

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN1-9456

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 I staff on this date.

Facility:

Ambric Engineering, Incorporated
3502 Scotts Lane
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19129

Licensee Emergency Classification:

☐ Notification of Unusual Event
☐ Alert
☐ Site Area Emergency
☐ General Emergency
☒ Not Applicable

Docket No.: 030-22164

License No.: 37-20968-01

Event No.: NONE

Event Location Code: MAT

SUBJECT: STOLEN PORTABLE NUCLEAR DENSITY GAUGE

At 2:15 p.m., on October 12, 1994, Michael Smith, Radiation Safety Officer of Ambric Engineering, Incorporated (License No. 37-20968-01), telephoned Region I to report that a Troxler Electronics Laboratories, Incorporated Model 3411B portable moisture/density gauge containing two sealed sources with approximately 8 millicuries of cesium 137 and 40 millicuries of americium 241 had been stolen from the locked automobile of one of the company's employees. The automobile was parked overnight in front of a residence in the 8800 block of Bradford Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The employee had put the gauge in his car the previous evening in order to take it to a second employee at his residence in Northeast Philadelphia this morning. The second employee was to use the gauge at a temporary job site. The first employee telephoned the Radiation Safety Officer at 8:15 a.m. to report the theft. He also filed a report with the police. The gauge has not been recovered. Region I will follow the attempted recovery of the gauge.

The State of Pennsylvania has been notified. The Philadelphia Police are issuing a press release. Region I is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

This PN is current as of 3:20 p.m. on October 12, 1994.

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