

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-V-88-77

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: Trainer Surveys, Inc.
Shreveport, Louisiana
(Louisiana Agreement State License)

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

SUBJECT: LOST WELL LOGGING SOURCE

Region IV received a report on September 21, 1988, from the Louisiana Nuclear Energy Division concerning a lost 3 Ci americium-beryllium source. The source was last used at a field site near Shreveport, Louisiana, on September 20, and was found to be missing at the licensee's facility in Shreveport on September 21.

It is believed that the source was inadvertently left on the rear bed of the truck and subsequently lost on the road when returning from the field site. Surveys for the source are currently being conducted, which includes use of the logging tool as a sensitive radiation measuring instrument. A Louisiana inspector has arrived at the site to continue the investigation. A local media announcement will be made to inform the public of the event, including its radiological significance.

It was reported that the source measures, 1 1/2" diameter by 5 1/2" length, and the radiation field is approximately 150 mrem/hr at a distance of 1 foot from the source.

The NRC does not plan to issue any news release and has offered technical assistance to the State, if needed.

This information is current as of 3:00 p.m. on September 21, 1988.

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