

August 31, 1999

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-99-031A

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 Region II staff in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

Facility

T. A. Houston & Associates, Ltd
Culpepper, Virginia
Dockets: 30331369 License No: 45-25073-01

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: LOST MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE (UPDATE)

This is to update the status of a lost moisture density gauge reported to the NRC on August 23, 1999, by the licensee. On August 6, 1999, the licensee shipped a Troxler Model 3411B, containing 10 millicuries of cesium 137 and 40 millicuries of americium 241, through Federal Express to Troxler Electronics Laboratories, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. On August 13, 1999, the licensee determined that Troxler had not received the gauge and called Federal Express to begin a trace on the missing gauge.

On August 30, 1999, Federal Express located the missing gauge. The gauge had been shipped to another addressee. On August 31, 1999, the gauge was shipped to and received by Troxler Electronics Laboratories.

This information is current as of 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 31, 1999.

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