

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-99-042A

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 I staff (King of Prussia, Pennsylvania) on this date.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Dc Fabricators	Notification of Unusual Event
Dc Fabricators	Alert
801 West Front Street	Site Area Emergency
Florence, New Jersey	General Emergency
Dockets: 99990001 License No: General	X Not Applicable

Subject: UPDATE - LOST GENERALLY LICENSED DEVICE

On September 9, 1999, DC Fabricators, Inc., a general licensee, notified Region I that a package containing a generally licensed device had failed to arrive at its destination. DC Fabricators shipped the package on March 14, 1999, via UPS delivery to Texas Nuclear (TN) Technologies in Texas. In early August 1999, TN Technologies notified DC Fabricators that they had not received the package. The package contains a TN Technologies model number 92-77, serial number M875, alloy identification device. The device houses two sealed sources. One source contains 4 millicuries of cadmium-109 and the other 45 millicuries of iron-55.

On September 27, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., DC Fabricators notified Region I that the package had been located on the premises of TN Technologies. According to DC Fabricators, the device had been received at TN Technologies shortly after it was shipped on March 14, 1999. TN Technologies located the package at its facility on September 20, 1999. Several factors apparently contributed to the occurrence. The UPS delivery person who delivered the device to TN Technologies was not traveling his normal route. As a result, the package was delivered to a TN Technologies staff person who did not normally receive packages. Thus, the package was not placed in the routine receiving location at TN Technologies and was not accounted for when it arrived.

The Region I Public Affairs Office is available to respond to public inquiries.

The States of New Jersey and Texas have been notified.

The information in this notification is current as of 10:30 a.m. on September 27, 1999.

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OTHER NUCLEAR MATERIAL

EVENT NUMBER: 36141

LICENSEE: DC FABRICATORS
CITY: FLORENCE
COUNTY:
LICENSE#:
DOCKET:

REGION: 1
STATE: NJ
AGREEMENT: N

NOTIFICATION DATE: 09/09/99
NOTIFICATION TIME: 15:30 [ET]
EVENT DATE: 09/09/99
EVENT TIME: [EDT]
LAST UPDATE DATE: 09/27/99

NOTIFICATIONS

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EMERGENCY CLASS: NON EMERGENCY
10 CFR SECTION:
BAB1 LOST/STOLEN LNM>1000X

EVENT TEXT

ALLOY IDENTIFICATION INSTRUMENT LOST DURING SHIPMENT

On March 14, 1999, DC Fabricators shipped a small alloy identification instrument to Texas Nuclear Technology via UPS. In early August, DC Fabricators determined that the instrument had not arrived at Texas Nuclear Technology. The device contains 45 millicuries of Fe-55 and 4 millicuries of Cd-109. UPS is looking for the device but has been unable to locate it to date.

* * * UPDATE 1016 9/27/1999 FROM BRAMBLE TAKEN BY STRANSKY * * *

The package has been located. It was delivered by UPS to the Texas Nuclear facility, but the driver left it at the main entrance, not the receiving department. The receptionist at the main entrance was a new hire and did not know to send the package to the receiving department. The package was subsequently misplaced temporarily. The licensee has contacted the NRC Region I office regarding this update. Notified R1DO (Hinson).