

June 15, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-00-025

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 (Atlanta, Georgia) on this date.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
Professional Service Industries	Notification of Unusual Event
(An Agreement State Licensee)	Alert
Tampa, Florida	Site Area Emergency
License No: FL-22-12	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: STOLEN MOISTURE-DENSITY GAUGE

The Florida Bureau of Radiation Control informed the NRC that the licensee had reported the theft of a moisture-density gauge. The gauge and container were removed from a locked storage locker inside a locked storage shed at a temporary job-site located near Tampa, FL. The keys to the gauge were not taken. The theft occurred between 6:00 p.m. on June 13, 2000 and 9:00 a.m. on June 14, 2000. The gauge was a Troxler, Model 3430, serial number 30059, and contained approximately 40 millicuries (1.48 gigabecquerels) of cesium-137, and 8 millicuries (0.3 gigabecquerel) of americium-241. The gauge was the only item taken from the storage shed and the fence surrounding the shed was not damaged. The local police and the Florida Bureau of Radiation Control have the event under investigation. The police department is preparing a press release.

This information is current as of 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 15, 2000.

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