

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-01-008

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**

Martin Marietta	Notification of Unusual Event
Anderson Creek Rock Quarry	Alert
Rockville, Virginia	Site Area Emergency
Dockets/License:	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: GENERAL LICENSED DEVICE FOUND IN A SCRAP METAL RECYCLING FACILITY

On February 16, 2001, the NRC Region II office was notified by the Commonwealth of Virginia of an event regarding the identification of a General Licensed device in a shipment of scrap metal that had been sent to a scrap metal recycling facility located in Lynchburg, Virginia.

The device is a Kay Ray, Inc. Model No. 7062 fixed level gauge containing 50 millicuries of cesium-137. On February 14, 2001, the licensee was notified by a scrap metal recycling company that a shipment of scrap metal received from their facility had set off their radiation monitor. On February 15, 2001, the licensee received the device with the shutter mechanism in the closed position from the scrap metal facility. The licensee locked the device's shutter mechanism in the closed position and secured it in an area to prevent access and unauthorized removal.

The licensee was in the process of cleaning up scrap metal which had been received from other licensee facilities that have been dismantled as well as refurbishing equipment at their facility. The licensee was unaware that this device was at its facility and is not aware of other devices at this facility. The licensee is in the process of contacting the manufacturer of the device to determine which facility the gauge came from and what measures they need to take to properly dispose of the device.

Region II received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Commonwealth of Virginia. The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 11:30 a.m. EST on February 16, 2001.

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