

March 21, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-01-012

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

Maxim Technologies, Inc.
Chandler, Arizona
License No.: AZ 07-168
Arizona Licensee

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE (EVENT NO. 37853)

DESCRIPTION:

On March 21, 2001, the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency (ARRA) notified the NRC Operations Center of a stolen portable gauge. The ARRA was informed by Maxim Technologies, Inc., that a Troxler Model 3411 (Serial No. 11906) portable gauge containing a 296 megabequerel (8 millicurie) cesium-137 source and a 1.63 gigabequerel (44 millicurie) americium-241/beryllium source had been stolen. The licensee informed the ARRA that a truck and the gauge was stolen from a shopping area in Chandler, Arizona, sometime between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m (MST) on March 20, 2001. The gauge had been locked and chained in the bed of the pickup truck. The Chandler Police Department has been notified. The ARRA will be releasing a press release. The licensee is offering a \$500.00 reward for the return of the gauge.

The State of Arizona has informed the States of Utah, California, Colorado, New Mexico, the FBI, and Mexico.

The State transmitted the facsimile report to the NRC Operations Center on March 21, 2001. Region IV has informed the OEDO, IAT, NMSS, OSTP, and Region IV's SLO and PAO.

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