

April 20, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-01-017

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

Geo Systems Engineering, Inc.
Tulsa, Oklahoma
License No.: 27597-02-OK
State of Oklahoma Licensee

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE

DESCRIPTION:

On April 20, 2001, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) notified Region IV by telephone of a stolen portable gauge. The ODEQ was informed by Geo Systems Engineering, Inc., that a Humboldt Model 5001B portable gauge containing a 407.0 megabequerel (11 millicuries) cesium-137 source and a 1.63 gigabequerel (44 millicuries) americium-241/beryllium source had been stolen out of their company truck while parked at the operator's residence in Tulsa, Oklahoma at 6:20 a.m. (CDT) on April 20, 2001. The operator had stopped by his residence after his first job of the day. When he returned to his truck, he discovered that the chains securing the case to the truck had been cut and the gauge stolen. A police report was filed with the local police department. The licensee plans to issue a press release and offer a reward for the return of the gauge.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by phone from the State at 11:30 a.m. on April 20, 2001. Region IV has informed OEDO, OSTP, NMSS, IAT and Region IV's SLO and PAO.

This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 2:45 p.m. on April 20, 2001.

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