

March 29, 2002

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-III-02-011

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 III staff on this date.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Nascote Industries, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
Nashville, Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
Docket:	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
License: State of Illinois General Licensee	<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

SUBJECT: Missing Generally-Licensed Static Eliminator Device

DESCRIPTION:

On March 28, 2002, the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety (IDNS) notified the Headquarters Operations Center that it had received an initial notification from the Nascote Industries, Inc. of Nashville, Illinois, of a missing static eliminator containing a nominal two millicurie polonium-210 sealed source. The generally-licensed device is an NRD Model P-2021 static eliminator (Serial No. A2BA986).

The polonium-210 source is encapsulated and contained within the body of the static eliminator. Therefore, this device does not pose a significant radiological hazard to the public.

The Office of State and Tribal Programs and the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards were notified of the incident. The IDNS continues to monitor the licensee's recovery efforts in locating the missing device.

Region III (Chicago) was notified of the loss at 2:00 p.m. CDT on March 27, 2002, by IDNS. The information in this preliminary notification has been discussed with IDNS.

This information is current as of 11:00 a.m. on March 29, 2002.

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