

November 17, 2003

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-03-048

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

No Frills Supermarket
Omaha, Nebraska
License No.: GL0189
Nebraska General Licensee

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: LOST TRITIUM EXIT SIGNS

DESCRIPTION:

On November 14, 2003, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) notified NRC's Operations Center that 12 tritium exit signs were missing at a general licensee's facility in Omaha, Nebraska.

No Frills Supermarket, the Nebraska general licensee, notified NDHHS on November 14, 2003, that they could not account for 12 tritium exit signs during their annual inventory check. The signs were manufactured in May 1987. As of the date of manufacture, 11 signs contained 925 gigabequerels (25 curies) each of tritium and 1 sign contained 1850 gigabequerels (50 curies). The last time the signs were accounted for was during the last inventory. The supermarket remodeled since the signs were last accounted for during last year's inventory. The supermarket is following up with the general contractor.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by e-mail from NRC's Operations Center on November 14, 2003. Region IV has informed OEDO, NMSS, OSTP, and the Region's PAO and SLO.

This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 11:00 a.m. (CST) on November 17, 2003.

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