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December 12, 2003

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-03-051A

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

Bayou Inspection Services
Amelia, Louisiana
License No.: LA-7112-L01
Louisiana Agreement State Licensee

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF LOST INDUSTRIAL RADIOGRAPHY CAMERA

DESCRIPTION:

On December 4, 2003, the State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the State) notified NRC's Operations Center of the reported loss of an industrial radiography camera (EN No. 40374 and PNO-IV-03-051). Bayou Inspection Services, a Louisiana licensee, reported that an Industrial Nuclear Model IR-100 industrial radiography camera had been lost while in transit from a job site to their home office.

On December 11, 2003, the State notified NRC's Operations Center of the recovery of the lost radiography camera. A private citizen had found the camera along the side of Highway 70 in Belle River, Louisiana on December 3. The citizen returned the camera to the licensee on December 11, 2003. The licensee reported that the camera was returned in good condition and that the source was in a locked and shielded position. The licensee performed a leak test of the source and confirmed that the source was not leaking. The State and the licensee are continuing to investigate this event.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence from the State and NRC's Operations Center on December 11, 2003. Region IV has informed NMSS, OEDO, STP, IAT and Region IV's PAO and SLO. This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 7:30 a.m. CST on December 12, 2003.

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