

December 14, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-92-043

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:
Longview Inspection
Orange, Texas
(Texas Agreement State Licensee)

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

SUBJECT: LEAKING RADIOGRAPHY SOURCE

The Texas Bureau of Radiation Control notified Region IV of a leaking radiography source, which was reported to the Bureau on December 10, 1992, by the licensee.

The source was an Industrial Nuclear Company source, Model No. 32, which contained 65 curies of iridium-192. The Bureau immediately dispatched an inspector who confirmed the leaking source and made area surveys. There was some cross contamination on a guide tube and on a radiography camera but no contamination on personnel, vehicles, or other equipment. The source had been received from the manufacturer on November 9, 1992.

Texas inspectors are still monitoring the incident to see that the source is safely returned to the manufacturer and that an analysis is performed to determine the cause of the leakage.

Neither the licensee nor Texas plans to issue a press release.

The state of California (where the manufacturer is located) has been informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence on December 14, 1992, and this information is current as of 2 p.m. Region IV has informed NMSS and SP.

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