

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT--PNS-V- 85-03

Date: July 18, 1985

This preliminary notification constitutes **EARLY** notice of events of **POSSIBLE** national security or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff as of this date.

FACILITY: GA Technologies, Inc.
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Docket No. 70-734

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

SUBJECT: MISSING SECURITY DETECTOR CHECK SOURCE

On July 18, 1985, the licensee telephonically notified Region V that during the deactivation of two former guard posts, one of two Special Nuclear Material (SNM) detector check sources, used for routine testing of the SNM detectors at the two stations, was missing and unaccounted for. The licensee initiated an immediate search of the area, but with no success to date. The search continues. A survey of the security post is also being conducted.

The source is described as a brass cylinder containing about three grams of 93% enriched Uranium Oxide measuring about one half inch diameter by one and one half inches long. The source was last accounted for at the guard post during a security shift change midafternoon of June 30, 1985.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only. The licensee has stated a followup report will be submitted to NRC Region V within 30 days.

Region V received notification of this matter by telephone from the licensee at 10:45 AM, PDT, on July 18, 1985.

This information is current as of 2:30 PM, PDT, July 18, 1985.

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