

November 7, 1996

**PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE** PNO-IV-96-060

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 Region IV staff in Arlington, Texas on this date.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Texas Agreement State Licensee	Notification of Unusual Event
Rone Engineers	Alert
11234 Goodnight Lane	Site Area Emergency
Dallas, Texas 75229	General Emergency
License No: L02356	X Not Applicable

Subject: PORTABLE GAUGE STOLEN

The licensee reported that a Troxler Model 3430 gauge was stolen from the back of a truck this morning (November 7) at 6:30 a.m. CST in Fort Worth, Texas. The driver had parked the truck at the front of a convenience store when the theft occurred. The gauge contains two sealed sources including a 40-millicurie americium-241 source and a 8-millicurie cesium-137 source. A case holding the gauge had been secured to the bed of the truck with a padlocked chain. An eyebolt on the chain had been pried open to effect the theft. The gauge was also locked within the chained case.

The local police and the Texas Department of Health were notified by the licensee.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 10:00 a.m. CST on November 7, 1996. This information has been confirmed with a licensee representative.

Region IV has discussed the gauge theft with a state representative. The state representative will keep Region IV apprised of any new developments.

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