

November 8, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-96-079

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 II staff in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

Facility

Troxler Electronic Laboratories, Inc
(An Agreement State Licensee)
Raleigh, North Carolina

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

Subject: MISSING TROXLER GAUGE

On November 8, 1996 officials of the State of North Carolina reported a missing Troxler gauge to the NRC Headquarters Operations Center. The gauge was shipped via Federal Express from Atlanta back to Raleigh, North Carolina on October 23, 1996. As of this date the gauge has not arrived. The gauge is a Troxler Model 4232, serial No. 261, containing 100 microcuries of Californium-252. The gauge was locked and secured at the time of shipment.

Over the past week, State officials have initiated an investigation of the missing gauge including coordination with both Federal Express and with their counterpart agency in the State of Georgia. Both the Memphis Federal Express Hub and the Atlanta airport have been searched without finding the gauge.

No media interest has been expressed, and neither the licensee or State plans to issue a press release at this time.

This information is current as of 5:00 pm EST, November 8, 1996.

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