

January 20, 2000

**PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE**

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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.

<b><u>Facility</u></b>	<b><u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u></b>
Frac Services, Inc.	Notification of Unusual Event
Frac Services, Inc.	Alert
Washington, Oklahoma 73093	Site Area Emergency
	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: RECOVERY OF STOLEN DENSITY GAUGE (UPDATE)

This provides an update to a notification initially made on October 26, 1999, regarding the theft of a generally-licensed density gauge. On October 25, 1999, at approximately 5:15 p.m. (CDT), representatives of Frac Services, Inc. (FSI) notified Region IV staff of the theft of a density gauge. Representatives of FSI subsequently provided a telephone report to the NRC Operations Center. The density gauge was a Texas Nuclear Corporation (TN Technologies, Inc.) Model 5192 (Serial No. B6670), which houses a 7.4 gigabequerel (200 millicuries) cesium-137 source.

On January 20, 2000, FSI notified Region IV that the density gauge had been recovered. The licensee, assisted by information provided by an anonymous caller, recovered the gauge on January 19, 2000. An examination of the serial number verified the device as the stolen gauge. A visual inspection of the device revealed no apparent damage and the licensee intends to complete a function check and leak test of the sealed source prior to returning the gauge to service.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone at 9:15 a.m. (CST) on January 20, 2000. Region IV has notified OEDO, NMSS, OSP, and the state of Oklahoma. This information is current as of 9:45 a.m. (CST) on January 20, 2000.

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