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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-06-006

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 I staff on this date.

**Facility**

Certified Testing Laboratories, Inc.  
155 U.S. Route 130  
Bordentown, New Jersey 08505

Docket No.: 030-12145  
License No.: 29-14150-01

**Licensee Emergency Classification**

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

SUBJECT: LICENSED MATERIAL IN A VEHICLE ON FIRE ON A NEW JERSEY HIGHWAY

On April 5, 2006, the State of New Jersey notified Region I that a vehicle had caught fire on a highway in Lakewood, NJ. The vehicle was transporting a nuclear density gauge. The gauge belonged to Certified Testing Laboratories, Inc. The licensee is authorized to possess density gauges and radiography sources.

Region I contacted the licensee to obtain information about the incident. The Assistant RSO stated that a Troxler Electronic Model 3411B nuclear density gauge was being transported from a temporary job site in Tom's River, NJ, to another temporary job site in Sparta, NJ, by an authorized user in his personal vehicle. The gauge was stored in its locked transport container. The container was stored in the locked trunk of the vehicle and was properly braced within the trunk. He confirmed that the sources were locked in their shielded position. The weather was bad with light snow, and the vehicle slid when the user tried to avoid collision with another vehicle in front. The authorized user stated that the vehicle in front was hit, but its driver did not stop and sped off from the scene.

The user got out of the car and noted some smoke coming from the hood (engine). He immediately removed the gauge container from the trunk of the car and moved away from the car with the container. The local police and fire department responded. The user notified the RSO who was at another temporary job site. The licensee dispatched another authorized user to bring the gauge back to the office.

The licensee confirmed that the gauge had been brought to their storage facility and that there was no damage to the container or its contents, including the gauge. Radiological surveys of the container and the gauge did not indicate any leakage of licensed material.

The media has made an inquiry regarding this incident.

The State of New Jersey has been notified. This information is current as of 11:00 a.m., April 6, 2006. Region I is prepared to respond to further media inquiries.

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