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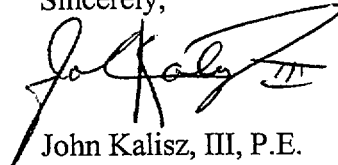
Dear Mrs. Deborah A. Piskura:

As per our phone conversation on August 21, 2001 we are providing your office with more information in regards to the theft of our nuclear gauge.

1. On July 12, 2001, Jim Pogasic had parked a company vehicle with the above mentioned device in the back of the pickup. The truck was parked in front of Jim's home. The gauge was in the rear of the pickup chained down and the case was locked. The outer lock on the case was cut and the device and calibration block was removed. On July 13, 2001 around 2:00 p.m. it was determined that the device was stolen. We then contacted your office and the Shelby Police Department.
2. The gauge was a Troxler 3440 Serial No. 16396 with isotope Cs-137 8 mCi and Am-241 40 mCi.
3. We checked several job sites that Jim was at for that week to determine it was not left on site. This was done on July 14, 2001. The device was not found at any of those job sites. At this time we are unsure of its whereabouts.
4. To further prevent this type of action happening we will be either locking the cap door on the bed of the truck or covering the device boxes with a tarp so they cannot be seen through the windows.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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