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Facility: Bower-Morner Licensee Emergency Classification  
 Dayton, Ohio General Emergency \_\_\_\_\_ Site Area Emergency \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alert \_\_\_\_\_ Unusual Event \_\_\_\_\_ N/A X  
 License No. 34-17390-01

Subject: STOLEN MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE

On November 21, 1990, the licensee reported that a moisture density gauge containing 10 millicuries of cesium-137 and 40 millicuries of americium-241 had been stolen from a pickup truck at an employee's home in Dayton, Ohio. The licensee stated the source rod was locked in its shielded position and the gauge was in its transport case, which was locked. Thieves apparently pried open the rear window of the camper top on the pickup truck to reach the device. The theft occurred between 3 p.m. on November 20, 1990, and 7:30 a.m. on November 21, 1990.

The theft has been reported to local police, and the licensee intends to notify local news media of the missing device. The State of Ohio and NMSS have been notified. The information in this Preliminary Notification has been reviewed with the licensee.

Region III (Chicago) was notified of the theft at 7:20 a.m. on November 21, 1990. This information is current as of 9 a.m., November 21, 1990.

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\*Denotes a Displaywriter/PC not an IBM 5520 Terminal.

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