

Date: March 4, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN1-9416

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:  
S. W. Cole  
Bangor, Maine

Licensee Emergency Classification:  
 Notification of Unusual Event  
 Alert  
 Site Area Emergency  
 General Emergency  
 Not Applicable

Docket No.: 99990001  
 License No.: Agreement State License  
 Event No.: NONE  
 Event Location Code: MAT

Subject: STOLEN TROXLER GAUGE

S. W. Cole, a Maine Agreement State licensee informed the Maine Radiation Control Program, Division of Health Engineering on March 4 that a Troxler Gauge, Model Number 3440, Serial No. 16730 was stolen from a locked pick-up truck in Augusta, Maine. The theft occurred sometime between March 2, 7 p.m., and March 3, 7 a.m. The licensee attempted to contact the State radiation control program on March 3, but the office was closed because of snow.

The gauge has two sources, which according to the SS&D Catalogue, could have a maximum source strength of 9 millicuries of Cesium-137 and 44 millicuries of Americium-241. The gauge was in a locked shipping container, inside a locked cab. The licensee has filed a police report and is contacting trade associations to inform them of the theft.

The Maine Radiation Control Program contacted NRC Office of State Programs and the Region on March 4 around 10:30 a.m. The State is preparing an incident report and most likely will issue a press release.

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