

Date: January 19, 1993

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN39303

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 III staff on this date.

Facility:	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Indiana Department of	___ General Emergency
Transportation	___ Site Area Emergency
Crawfordsville, IN	___ Alert
	___ Unusual Event
License No. 13-26344-01	<u>X</u> N/A

Subject: STOLEN MOISTURE-DENSITY GAUGE

On January 18, 1993, the Parke County Sheriff's Department reported that a moisture-density gauge had been stolen from a highway field office at a temporary job site on Indiana Highway 234 at Lodi, Indiana. The gauge was taken in a break-in which occurred between 4 p.m on January 15, and 9 a.m. on January 18. Other office and engineering equipment was also taken in the break-in.

The gauge's source rod was locked in its shielded position, and the gauge was stored in its transport container. The gauge contained an 8 millicurie cesium-137 sealed source and a 40 millicurie americium-241 sealed source.

The licensee notified appropriate state and local agencies and issued a news announcement on the missing gauge. There has been news media coverage of the theft.

The State of Indiana has been notified. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management. Region III (Chicago) will review the circumstances surrounding the theft during a future inspection.

The sheriff's department notified the NRC Operations Center of the theft at about 9:46 a.m. (EST) on January 18, 1993. This information is current as of 1:00 p.m. on January 19, 1993.

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