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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-III-90-63 Date September 26, 1990

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: ATEC & Associates	Licensee Emergency
Indianapolis, IN	Classification:
	Unusual Event
License No. 13-17732-01	Alert
	Site Area Emergency
	General Emergency
	<u>x</u> Not Applicable

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Subject: STOLEN MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE

On September 26, 1990, the licensee reported that a moisture-density gauge had been stolen from a stationwagon parked at the home of an employee in Indianapolis, Indiana. The vehicle had been broken into during the previous night.

The gauge contains a 50-millicurie americium-241 source and a 10-millicurie cesium-137 source. The sources were locked in their shielded position inside the gauge. The device was locked in its transport case which was labeled "radioactive."

Local police were notified and the licensee is issuing a news announcement.

The State of Indiana has been notified. The information in this Preliminary Notification has been reviewed with the licensee.

The licensee notified the NRC Operations Center of the stolen gauge at 8:11 a.m. (CDT) on September 26, 1990. This information is current as of 1:30 p.m., September 26, 1990.

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