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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-III-91-02 Date January 22, 1991

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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, Inc. Licensee Emergency Classification
 Indianapolis, IN General Emergency _____ Site Area Emergency _____
 Alert _____ Unusual Event _____ N/A X

Docket No. 030-13245
 License No. 13-17732-01

Subject: STOLEN MOISTURE-DENSITY GAUGE

A Campbell Pacific Model MC-1 moisture-density gauge containing 10 millicuries of cesium-137 and 50 millicuries of americium-241 was stolen from the licensee's van on January 20, 1991, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The van was parked in a lot behind a commercial building at 1619 E. Prospect Avenue. The theft occurred some time between 5 a.m. and 11 a.m. The licensee said the source rod was secured in the locked position. The licensee also noted that the gauge was locked inside its transport case and the case was chained inside the van. The thieves broke open a door and stole the entire contents of the van. The chain holding the transport case was smashed.

The Indianapolis Police Department and the FBI were notified. The police department notified the local news media.

The State of Indiana has been notified.

Region III (Chicago) will monitor the licensee's attempt to recover the gauge. Region III first learned of the theft at 9:20 a.m. (CST), January 21, 1991. This information is current as of 11 a.m. (CST), January 22, 1991.

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