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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
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Inspection Branch

Report of Stolen Nuclear Moisture Density Gauge

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RSO: Tom Freda

Device Description: Campbell Pacific Nuclear (CPN)
Model: MCIDR-82
S/N: MD9119206
Source: Cs-137, 1MCI
Am-241/Be, 50 MCI

Geotechnical Consultants (GCI) technician, Bob Hahn, stopped at the Bob Evans Restaurant located at King Avenue and Olentangy River Road in Columbus, Ohio at approximately 8:00 AM on June 13, 1998. His vehicle was parked in the northwest corner of the parking lot. The gauge was secured and locked in the rear of his pickup truck and was covered. The rod on the gauge was in the safe and locked position.

Bob returned to his vehicle at approximately 8:40 AM and found the gauge missing. Following GCI safety procedures, he called the RSO, Tom Freda, and was instructed to notify the Columbus Police of the theft. The Columbus Police arrived at approximately 9:30 AM and took an incident report (No. 98398490). Bob Hahn continued on to his scheduled job after the police report was completed.

As RSO I came into the office at GCI to review safety procedures. While I was in the office an individual called and claimed to have found our missing gauge. This person was looking for a reward for finding the device.

A meeting place was set up where I could get the gauge back. I also notified the Columbus Police of the situation. The police met me at Sun TV Store on Morse Road in Columbus, the meeting location. I

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found the person who had the device, the police questioned this individual and felt there was no way to press charges and released him.

I inspected the case and found the lock hasp was broken and the cable and lock removed. The gauge appeared not to have been tampered with. The rod was still in the safe and locked position and the gauge operated as it should.

The gauge was back in my possession by 11:00 AM on June 13, 1998. It was returned to GCI where it was secured for the weekend. A leak test has been performed on the device and will be reviewed when it is returned. The broken lock hasp has been repaired.

I have reviewed our procedures for securing these gauges in the vehicles. I feel that the method currently being used is adequate. These devices are cabled to the bed of the pickup truck. The cable is passed through the handles on the case and locked onto the hasp of the case. The devices are also covered with a mud flap. I would appreciate any suggestions you may have in securing these devices.

You can contact me at our mailing address or by FAX at (614) 895-1171.

Thank you for your assistance in this situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Freda", followed by a horizontal line.

Thomas J. Freda
Radiation Safety Officer

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