

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

August 30, 2000

PNO-RIII-00034

LICENSEE: Geotechnical Consultants, Inc.

EVENT NUMBER: 37270

FACILITY:

EVENT DATE: 08/28/2000

UNIT:

REGION: 3

Rx INFO:

LOCATION CODE:

DOCKETS:

CITY: Columbus

STATE: Ohio

EMERGENCY CLASS: None

SUBJECT: STOLEN MOISTURE-DENSITY GAUGE

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DESCRIPTION:

On August 29, 2000, the Ohio Bureau of Radiation Protections reported that a moisture-density gauge was stolen from the back of a pickup truck in Columbus, Ohio. The gauge contains a 10 millicurie (mCi) sealed source of cesium-137 and a 50 millicurie (mCi) sealed source of americium-241.

The gauge and overpack were chained to the bed of the truck, but the chain was cut.

The theft was reported to the Columbus Police Department.

Region III (Chicago) was notified of the theft by the Ohio Bureau of Radiation Protection at 10:57 a.m. EDT on August 29. The NRC's Information Assessment Team (IAT) has been notified. This information is current as of 10 a.m. CDT on August 30.