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Walter W. Becker
Radiation Safety Officer
H. C. Nutting Company
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45226

Dear Mr. Becker:

This is in reference to your letter dated August 14, 1996, describing the August 7, 1996 loss and August 9, 1996 recovery of a nuclear density gauge.

It should be noted that your letter contains a minor error on page 2 where August 9th is referred to as a Wednesday and August 10th, a Friday. In actuality the 9th was a Friday and the 10th a Saturday. If the dates are incorrect, please send a revised report otherwise we have no further questions at this time regarding this matter.

This event and any actions you have taken concerning this matter will be examined during a future NRC inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by R.Caniano for

Cynthia Pederson, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

License No. 34-18882-01
Docket No. 030-17304

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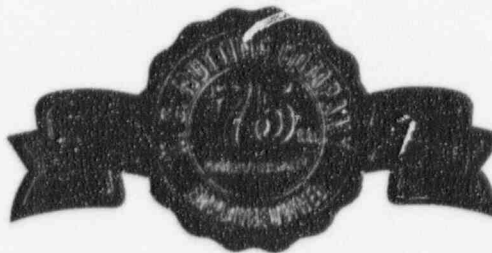
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U. S. Regulatory Commission
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RE: Theft of Model 3411B Nuclear Density Gage
Serial No. 16093
Owner - H. C. Nutting Company
Cincinnati, Ohio
License No. 34-18882-01
Docket No. 03-17304

Dear Ms.

In accordance with the requirements of the NRC regulations and confirming our telephone conversations of August 7th, and 8th, 1996, regarding the theft and recovery of the referenced nuclear density gage.

Sometime between 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 6, 1996, and 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 7, 1996, a 1992 Jeep Cherokee Laredo belonging to one of our field representatives, Mr. Chris Shewmaker, was stolen from the Madison Apartments located at 2341 Madison Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

As indicated, the vehicle belonged to one of our soils technicians whose daily operations involve the use of the nuclear density gage at a project located in the greater Cincinnati area. The gage in question was secured in the vehicle's concealed luggage compartment. Both the gage and its shipping box were locked as per our standard practice. It appears that the unknown party gained entrance to the vehicle by simply smashing out the drivers side window.

Upon discovery of the missing vehicle, our technician notified our office immediately and then notified the local authorities concerning the theft of the vehicle in question as well as the presence of the nuclear device contained in the vehicle.

The writer was notified of the theft at approximately 7:15 a.m. whereupon he went to the Madison Apartments and met with the technician involved. After obtaining a brief history of the incident, he proceeded to District #2 Police Station. At the station, he briefed the officer's involved in the investigation regarding the nature of the radioactive gage.

The local law enforcement agency notified all surrounding enforcement agencies as well as the State Highway Patrol concerning the theft of the vehicle. In addition, we contacted the local television and radio stations concerning a public announcement regarding the theft. The announcements were made throughout the day as well as the 6:00 p.m. news on all local television stations.

In regards to recovery, our technician received a call from the State Highway Patrol that they had recovered the vehicle in question. They recovered the vehicle in a suburb of Columbus, Ohio. This notification was received on Wednesday, August 9, 1996, at approximately 12:30 a.m. The technician then notified our office the following morning at which time we contacted the law enforcement agency in question regarding the condition of the nuclear meter and its shipping container. We were advised that the units appeared to be undamaged and all locks were in tact. This condition was confirmed by our Columbus, Ohio division.

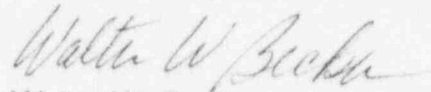
On Friday, August 10, 1996, the police released the gage into our custody. The instrument in question was picked up by our Columbus facility and returned to our Cincinnati division on Sunday, August 11, 1996.

As indicated, when the vehicle and meter were recovered the units were kept in the possession of the police authority while the investigation was being completed and upon completion of their initial investigation they released the gage to our Columbus, Ohio office.

If you should have any questions and/or require additional information on the context of this letter or the sequence of events, please feel free to contact the writer.

Sincerely,

H. C. NUTTING COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter W. Becker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Walter W. Becker
Radiation Safety Officer