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Thefts of Portable Gauges

Addressees

All Kansas portable gauge licensees.

Purpose

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this information notice (IN) to inform addressees of recent incidents of thefts of portable gauges, and to remind licensees of their responsibilities to prevent loss and damage to portable gauges. It is expected that recipients will review this information for applicability to their licensed activities and consider actions, as appropriate, to avoid similar problems. However, suggestions contained in this IN are not new

NRC requirements; therefore, no specific action or written response is required.

Description of Circumstances

In the period January 1996 through October 2000, NRC and Agreement State licensees reported a total 156 thefts of portable gauges. Most of the thefts occurred when gauges were stored in vehicles parked in areas vulnerable to theft. Only 40 percent of gauges reported stolen were reported as having been recovered.

Discussion

The analysis of five years of theft data for portable gauges indicates that a large number of gauges are stolen from trucks, even when they are secured with chains. To help reduce the number of thefts, licensees may want to consider taking further precautions, such as: (1) requiring gauges to be locked in covered vehicle compartments, (2) not parking vehicles in areas vulnerable to theft, and (3) including a discussion of this IN in periodic or special gauge user training, to increase awareness of this problem.

See the attached NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 2001-11 dated July 13, 2001.

This information notice does not require any specific action or written response. If you have any questions about the information in this notice, please do not hesitate to contact this office.