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Nuclear instrument stolen in Philly

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Federal regulators are asking people to be on the lookout for a portable nuclear gauge containing radioactive materials that was stolen in Philadelphia this week.

The instrument, used to measure soil density at construction sites, was stolen from a parked truck on Monday afternoon, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a statement. The device contained "small amounts" of the radioactive forms of cesium and Americium, the NRC said.

Anyone with information on the theft is urged to call the Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 816-5100.

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