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Health Officials Warn That Radioactive Gauge Stolen

A radioactive gauge used to measure soil density has been stolen from the back of a truck in southwest Little Rock and officials say the instrument could pose a health hazard. The Troxler Model 3440 contains a hot source of Cesium 137 and Americium 241.

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The Department of Health and Human Services says the gauge was taken between 6-6:30 a.m. Monday morning from the back of a Materials Testing pickup truck that was parked at the Wal-Mart on Baseline Road.

The department says the gauge could be a health risk if handled or carried for an extended period of time.

Anyone who knows where the gauge is should call police.

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