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DEQ Asks for Public's Help in Finding Stolen Gauge

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is asking for the public's help in locating a gauge containing radioactive material that was stolen from the parking lot of an Oklahoma City hotel near I-40 and Meridian. The gauge, a Humboldt Scientific 5001 EZ, is similar to the one seen below. The device is used to measure the physical properties of materials and represents a low threat of exposure as long as the gauge is not unlocked. If unlocked, the source can pose a risk to human health. The owner is offering a \$500 reward for the gauge's return.

The device was inside a construction trailer, which was also stolen. The trailer has Kentucky plates 624-274.

DEQ urges anyone with information about the gauge to contact the agency's Radiation Management section at 1-800-522-0206 or 1-405-702-5100.

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