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Reward offered for return of radioactive device

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The Office of Radiation Control of the Alabama Department of Public Health has been notified that an industrial gauging device containing radioactive materials was lost from a pickup truck in Birmingham, Ala., on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 28, 2008.

The Troxler Model 3440 device contains two radioactive sources used to measure density and moisture of compacted soils. It is a rectangular, yellow box that is labeled, "Caution Radioactive Materials." The device is owned by Birmingham Engineering and Construction Consultants, Inc., or BECC, who is offering a \$300 reward for the return of the device.

The public is advised that anyone finding this device should neither touch nor attempt to move it and should immediately contact Jeremy Mitchell of BECC at 205-941-1119 or 205-283-7302 or contact the Alabama Department of Public Health's Office of Radiation Control at 1-800-843-0699 or 334-324-0076, local law enforcement, or Emergency Management Agency officials.

The radioactive sources are secured inside the device by a locking mechanism and present no significant hazard to the finder unless the lock is defeated and the sources removed from the internal shield.