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SUBJECT: Vandalism at Asbestos removal job

TO: Debbie Lewandowski

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On sat 9-12-98 at the lake ONTARIO ordnance works site on Balrner rd. Some time after four p.m., some major vandalism took place to the contractors equipment. We have no idea how the vandals entered the property. The property has a 8 feet high fence with barbered wire on top. The whole fence was undamaged.

The vandals used the escalator that is on site to do the damage and destruction. The vandals leveled the office trailer and the decon unit. The storage trailer was also ripped up and apart. The escalator had a clam on it that was used to pinch the cabs of the two fork lifts and a front end loader. The hydraulic lines were also ripped off. One of the forklifts had more damage to it. The motor was also pinched and attempted to be removed. The front end loader and one of the forklifts can be repaired. The other forklift, office trailer, storage trailer, and the decon unit cannot be repaired and need to be replaced.

The estimated damage is about \$250,000.00. The contractor is still sifting thru the wreckage, to find out if anything else is damaged. As of 9-15-98 nothing has come up stolen.

That \$250,000 is my own estimate based on what the people that rented the equipment to the contractor said the damage to be. The insurance adjuster has not yet been to the site. I'll try to keep you informed any questions call me at ext.4289

Harold J Leggett III

9-16-98

## Construction equipment vandalized at N-waste site

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The wreckage was discovered shortly after 9 a.m. Sunday.

There was no damage estimate on the property, which belongs to Environmental Products and Services Inc. of the Town of Tonawanda. Green said that company is involved in removing asbestos from buildings at the site, where nuclear waste from the World War II atomic bomb project has long been stored.

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Green said all the windows of the four construction vehicles were smashed, doors damaged, and hydraulic lines removed. It all happened sometime after 4 p.m. Saturday, Green said after interviewing construction supervisor John S. Scott.

The site is surrounded by chain-link fences, which Green said appeared to be undamaged.