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Canadian Power Company Uses Technology to

Deter Theft

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To combat the burgeoning problem with scrap copper theft, NB Power, based in New Brunswick, Canada, has implemented a DataDot technology that it feels will sharply reduce the theft of copper wire.

"DataDot, as known in the industry, is effectively like DNA for property," said Duff Boyd, director of Health, Safety and Security for NB Power. "This proven technology has been used in North America and Brazil and has been successful in the recovery of stolen goods, such as computers, car parts, etc. and has lead to countless arrests. This technology is being used by more and more utilities such as BC Hydro, Hydro One and Nova Scotia Power. With DataDot there will be no mistake as to where the copper came from."

The technology is able to be customized to allow for the implant of distinct ID markings, which would then be applied directly to the copper. While thousands of dots are applied, only one dot is needed for the police to identify that NB Power is the owner of the copper.

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