Artist:
Title: Shabti of Queen Henuttawy
Geography: Egypt
Period: Third Intermediate Period, Dynasty 21
Date: 1076-1052 BC
Culture: Egyptian
Medium: Faience
Credit Line: Gift of the Georges Ricard Foundation
Dimensions: 4 5/8 x 9/16 x 1 in., 90 g (11.8 x 1.5 x 2.6 cm, 3 3/16 oz.)
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Label Text: Queen Henuttawy was of pivotal importance in Egyptian history and helped engineer a smooth transition from the New Kingdom to the Third Intermediate Period. She was the daughter of Ramesses XI, the last pharaoh of the 20th dynasty, and the great royal wife of Pinedjem I, the High-Priest of Amun who assumed royal titles and ruled Upper Egypt from Thebes, while another Dynasty ruled in the Delta at Tanis. It was her son who became Pharaoh as Psusennes I at Tanis and re-unified Egypt. Henuttawy’s shabti has the ‘royal blue’ faience glaze introduced at this time by the Theban priesthood of Amun. She is wearing a black tripartite wig with a uraeus and her arms are crossed, right over left, on her chest. In each hand she holds a hoe and the shoulder. A column of black painted hieroglyphs runs down her lower body, reading: “The illuminated one, the Osiris, the King’s Wife, Henut-tawy.”