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NRC Proposes \$36,000 Civil Penalty Against Metro Cardiovascular Diagnostics

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has [proposed](#) a \$36,000 fine against Metro Cardiovascular Diagnostics, in Florissant, Missouri, for the falsification of required records and deliberate failure to perform NRC-licensed activities.

Metro Cardiovascular Diagnostics holds an NRC license to possess and use radiopharmaceuticals for nuclear medical purposes, such as diagnostic and imaging purposes.

Three violations of NRC requirements were identified during an NRC investigation followed by in-office reviews that ended in April. All three involved a nuclear medicine technologist who did not follow required procedures.

These failures are of significant regulatory concern because they involved deliberate misconduct. However, each of these failures are relatively low safety significance.

The NRC documented the [areas of concern](#) and a pre-decisional enforcement conference was held on June 30. After the conference, Metro Cardiovascular Diagnostics emailed its [response](#) to the agency.

The NRC expects the company to address the violations to ensure compliance with agency requirements. The company has 30 days to pay the proposed penalty, contest the penalty in writing, or request alternative dispute resolution with the NRC.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The global gold standard for nuclear regulation, the NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.