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> NRC WITHDRAWS PROPOSED \$2,500 FINE AGAINST OVERHOFF TECHNOLOGY CORP. FOR DISTRIBUTION VIOLATIONS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has withdrawn a proposed \$2,500 fine against Overhoff Technology Corporation, Milford, Ohio, for violations involving distribution of small quantities of radioactive materials.

A notice of violation and proposed fine were issued in April as the result of an NRC inspection and investigation.

In March 1996, Overhoff exceeded its license limits by selling gas calibrators containing more millicuries of tritium than allowed and by distributing more krypton-85 devices in a single transaction than permitted.

(Small amounts of the radioactive gases tritium and krypton-85 are used in calibration devices. These devices are used to check the accuracy of radiation survey instrumentation.)

In May, Overhoff responded to NRC's notice of violation admitting the violations and requesting that the fine be mitigated.

The NRC, after reviewing the company's response, has withdrawn the fine based on the small quantities of radioactive material involved and the fact that Overhoff is a small business. However, NRC has not withdrawn the notice of violation, which remains on the record.

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