

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Bayou Inspection Services, Inc. (EA-00-297)
Amelia, Louisiana
Docket No. 150-00017

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$5,500

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$5,500 will be issued on or about April 2, 2001, to Bayou Inspection Services, Inc. (Bayou) a State of Louisiana licensee. This action is based on a Severity Level III problem involving willful violations of NRC requirements while conducting radiography in areas of NRC jurisdiction in the Gulf of Mexico. Specifically, Bayou willfully failed to file an NRC Form-241 with the NRC prior to conducting radiography in offshore waters and used pipeliner radiography devices that did not meet NRC requirements.

Because the violations were willful, the staff considered whether credit was warranted for identification and corrective action. Credit was not warranted for identification because the violation was identified as a result of the NRC's inspection and investigation. Credit was warranted for corrective action, which included suspending radiography operations in offshore areas, filing an NRC Form-241, and requesting an exemption to use pipeliner devices. This resulted in the assessment of a civil penalty at the base value for a Severity Level III problem.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice	April 2, 2001
Telephone Notification of Licensee	April 2, 2001

The State of Louisiana will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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