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NRC REVOKES LICENSE OF A MISSOURI COMPANY AND PROHIBITS ITS OWNER FROM INVOLVEMENT IN NRC-LICENSED ACTIVITY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff issued an Order Dec. 30 to KTL Roudebush Testing, located in Kansas City, Missouri, revoking its NRC license to use nuclear material. In addition, an Order was issued the same day to its owner prohibiting his involvement from all NRC-licensed activities for deliberately violating safety requirements and providing false information to the agency.

KTL Roudebush held an NRC license to possess and use radioactive material for radiography, which uses sealed radiation sources to make x-ray like images of heavy metal objects like pumps, valves, and pipes.

The Order revoking the license required the company to transfer all NRC-licensed materials to authorized recipients and provide proof that all transferred materials have been leak-tested and securely transferred. The Order prohibiting NRC-licensed activity prohibited Christopher V. Roudebush, the company owner, president and radiation safety officer from engaging in any NRC licensed activities for five years from the date of the Order.

An NRC inspection and followup investigation by the agency's Office of Investigations found numerous violations of NRC safety requirements and multiple instances of providing the NRC with incomplete and inaccurate information. As a result, on March 11, 2004, the NRC issued a Suspension Order requiring the company to immediately stop all work involving NRC-licensed radioactive materials (refer to NRC press release No 3-04-012, issued March 16, 2004). The Suspension Order remained in effect until the license was terminated.

"Our license holders have a responsibility to follow the NRC's regulations designed to protect public health and safety. We also rely on them to provide the NRC with complete and accurate information. Because the company and its owner failed to follow through on these responsibilities, we are barring them from handling NRC-licensed materials," said James Caldwell, Regional Administrator for the NRC's Region III office in Lisle, IL.

The license holder may request a hearing by January 19.

Copies of the Order can be accessed at the NRC web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/regulatory/enforcement/current.html> .

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