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NRC PROPOSES \$13,000 CIVIL PENALTY FOR THOROFARE, N.J., FIRM FOR VIOLATIONS OF AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is proposing a \$13,000 fine for Eastern Testing & Inspection (ETI), Inc., of Thorofare, N.J., for willful violations of agency requirements. The violations were the result of deliberate acts by ETI employees.

The NRC identified two violations during inspections and investigations conducted in 2006 and 2007 at the company's Thorofare facility. Those violations included failure to implement security requirements in a timely manner and a failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NRC.

While the details of the violations are being withheld because they are related to security, NRC concluded that the violations were willful. The problems associated with the violations, which did not pose a threat to public health and safety, have been appropriately addressed.

In determining the appropriate enforcement action, the agency took into consideration, among other things, that the violations were identified by the NRC and not the company, as well as those actions taken by the company to correct the problems and prevent a recurrence.

Besides the civil penalty, the NRC is issuing orders prohibiting ETI's president/part-owner and a former company vice president from taking part in NRC-licensed activities for one year. The order is for deliberate misconduct that caused the company to be in violation of an NRC order.

ETI has 30 days to respond in writing to the violations. The letter forwarding the notice of violation, the notice itself, the proposed imposition of civil penalty, and any response that the company provides will not be placed in the Public Document Room because of their sensitive nature.

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