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NRC ISSUES CONFIRMATORY ORDER TO SCHLUMBERGER TECHNOLOGY CORP.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a Confirmatory Order to Schlumberger Technology Corp. of Sugar Land, Texas, to take corrective actions following an incident involving a lost gauge containing radioactive material.

Schlumberger has agreed to the terms of the Confirmatory Order that requires it to develop an enhanced accountability and security program for radioactive materials, conducting additional management reviews of the company's radiation safety program and paying a \$3,250 civil penalty.

The terms of the Confirmatory Order were agreed to following Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), which uses a neutral mediator with no decision-making authority to assist the NRC and its licensees in resolving differences regarding enforcement actions.

The actions stemmed from an Oct. 4, 2007, report by Schlumberger to the NRC that it could not locate a device containing radioactive materials. A subsequent inspection by NRC determined that a former radiation safety officer at the company's Rock Springs, Wyo., field station failed to conduct an adequate physical inventory of licensed radioactive materials as required by NRC regulations.

Copies of the Confirmatory Order issued by the NRC to Schlumberger are available on the NRC web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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