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September 29, 2009
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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Individual: Mr. Christopher S. Loyd (IA-09-044)

Subject: CONFIRMATORY ORDER (EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY)

This is to inform the Commission that a Confirmatory Order will be issued on or about October 1, 2009, to Mr. Christopher S. Loyd, confirming commitments reached as part of an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mediation settlement agreement. Mr. Loyd is the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) at Earth Exploration, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana. The NRC preliminarily concluded that the individual engaged in deliberate misconduct in violation of 10 CFR 30.10(a)(1), which caused the licensee to be in violation of regulatory requirements. Based on information developed during an inspection and investigation, several apparent violations were identified involving the failure to: (1) perform annual reviews of the radiation protection program; (2) perform leak testing of sealed sources; (3) perform physical inventories every six months of sealed sources; (4) process and evaluate dosimetry; and (5) ensure compliance with NRC requirements and license conditions through the Radiation Safety Officer.

The ADR mediation session was conducted on August 25, 2009, and a settlement agreement was reached. As part of the agreement, Mr. Loyd agreed to take a number of actions including, but not limited to, conducting a "lessons learned" training to address oversight of the radiation safety program, submitting a report describing the radiation safety activities completed every three months for a period of two years to the licensee and NRC, and submitting a plan on how he will accomplish all of the duties assigned to him as RSO and what steps he will take to ensure that the infrastructure exists for those duties with a long periodicity. In recognition of these and other actions, the NRC agreed to not categorize the violations as deliberate and to not pursue any further enforcement action against Mr. Loyd for these violations.

The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Contacts: Kerstun Day, OE, 415-1252 Greg Bowman, OE, 415-2939

The State of Indiana will be notified.

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