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NRC ISSUES CONFIRMATORY ORDER BANNING INDIVIDUAL FROM NRC LICENSED ACTIVITIES FOR 18 MONTHS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a Confirmatory Order banning James Chaisson from engaging in NRC-licensed activities for 18 months for safety and security violations involving radioactive materials.

The NRC issued the Confirmatory Order after conducting an inspection and investigation that determined that Mr. Chaisson, as a former area supervisor and lead radiographer, engaged in deliberate misconduct while performing licensed activities when employed by Texas Gamma Ray, LLC, of Houston, Texas.

Specifically, while employed by the company in Rock Springs, Wyo., Mr. Chaisson deliberately failed to comply with NRC regulations by storing a device containing radioactive materials used to photograph pipe welds at a location not authorized by the company's license periodically from December 2009 through April 2010, even though he knew the facility did not meet NRC security requirements.

Mr. Chaisson chose alternate dispute resolution (ADR) which uses a mediator to resolve issues. The Confirmatory Order is the result of an agreement reached during an ADR session conducted on July 26.

The order imposes an 18-month ban on engaging in NRC licensed activities, followed by limited work restrictions for a period of four years and requires Mr. Chaisson to successfully complete 80 hours of specialized training.

The NRC's letter to the individual will be made available to the public through the agency's electronic reading room at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html> . Help in finding documents is available from the NRC Public Document Room at 1-800-397-4209.

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