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NRC Proposes \$3,500 Civil Penalty to Patriot Engineering and Environmental Inc.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed a \$3,500 civil penalty against Patriot Engineering and Environmental Inc. for the failure to control licensed radioactive material. The company, based in Indianapolis, Ind., uses portable nuclear gauges for measuring construction materials.

The violation was identified during an NRC inspection of an incident where a portable density gauge was run over by a vehicle and damaged. The nuclear material inside the gauge was not damaged and remained intact.

“Even though no one was harmed, it could have impacted the health and safety of the workers at the jobsite,” said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson. “We expect companies to ensure NRC regulations are being followed to protect workers and the environment. Our actions show the importance we place on controlling nuclear material.”

The event occurred at a job site in Indianapolis on March 8. Once the violation of NRC requirements was identified, the company took corrective actions. The NRC will conduct a follow-up inspection to verify the company’s actions are effective and prevent recurrence.

A copy of the Notice of Violation will be posted on the NRC’s ADAMS [online database](#).