

OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

EN-80-48

PDR

Licensee: Rio Algom Corporation, Moab, Utah
 License No. SUA-1119

Subject: IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES - \$6,100

By EN-80-48, dated October 6, 1980, the Commission was notified of the intent of IE to issue a Notice of Violation and a Notice of Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties in the amount of Seven Thousand One Hundred Dollars to Rio Algom Corporation. The proposed penalties were based on alleged items of noncompliance relating to failure to evaluate contamination on workers prior to leaving the site, failure to evaluate exposure of individuals, failure to evaluate airborne concentrations of radioactive materials, failure to make required inspections of tailings ponds, failure to maintain restricted area fencing, failure to conduct personnel monitoring programs, failure to report results of personnel monitoring and failure to correctly calculate concentrations of airborne radioactivity.

The licensee responded to the Notices in a letter dated October 28, 1980. After consideration of the licensee's response, the IE Staff concluded that, with the exception of one item, the items of noncompliance did occur and no adequate reasons were given by the licensee for mitigation or remission of the remaining proposed penalties. Adequate reasons were submitted by the licensee to remit one item in its entirety, in the amount of One Thousand Dollars.

Accordingly, an Order Imposing Civil Penalties in the amount of Six Thousand One Hundred Dollars has been issued today. The licensee and the State of Utah are being informed by telephone.

Since the penalty for one of the items of noncompliance was remitted, an additional news release is being made by the Office of Public Affairs to clarify the matter.

Under the terms of the Order, the licensee may, within 25 days of the Order, pay the civil penalties or request a hearing.

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