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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, VA 23606
License No. 45-09428-02

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$2,000

EN 87-25 was issued to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) was to be issued to Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. This action was based on an overexposure during normal operations and during the retrieval of a 10.2 curie iridium-192 radiography source. The inspection determined that adequate radiation surveys were not performed after radiographic exposures during field operations to ensure that the radiographic source had returned to the fully retracted and shielded position. As a result, a radiographer received an estimated exposure of 180 rems to the left thumb. At Region II's request, the proposed enforcement package was not issued. As a result of further review, it has been decided that the civil penalty should be mitigated 75 percent instead of 50 percent because of the licensee's prior good regulatory performance and unusually prompt and extensive corrective actions. Therefore, a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) will be issued on or about April 14, 1987 to Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The Regional Administrator has been authorized by the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, to sign this action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice	April 14, 1987
Telephone Notification of Licensee	April 14, 1987

A news release has been prepared and will be issued after the licensee receives the Notice. The State of Virginia will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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