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NRC Proposes \$150,000 Civil Penalty for Violations at New Jersey Nuclear Power Plant Undergoing Decommissioning

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has [proposed](#) a \$150,000 fine for Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC, for apparent security-related violations at the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant.

Because of the sensitive nature of these violations, the NRC will not publicly provide specifics; however, the agency has determined the overall security program at the non-operational plant remains effective. Holtec has taken steps to address the concerns and overall security performance at the site.

The plant, located in Lacey Township (Ocean County), New Jersey, permanently ceased operations in September 2018 and is in the process of being decommissioned. The NRC license for the plant was transferred on July 1, 2019, to Holtec, which now owns the facility and is carrying out its decommissioning.

NRC staff notified Holtec about the apparent violations on July 28, 2021, which were identified during a discretionary inspection conducted between May 17 and July 15, 2021. In response, Holtec requested and took part in a closed pre-decisional enforcement conference held at the NRC Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 6, 2021, during which the company provided additional information to the NRC.

Holtec has 30 days to pay the fine, contest the notice of violation or request alternative dispute resolution with the NRC.