NRC to Conduct Pre-Decisional Enforcement Conference

With Testing Engineers & Consultants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Testing Engineers & Consultants Inc. on June 13 to discuss apparent violations associated with the loss of two moisture density gauges and the company’s radiation safety practices.

The company, headquartered in Troy, Michigan, has an NRC license to use moisture density gauges containing sealed radioactive sources for measuring the properties of construction materials.

The virtual meeting will be held 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Central time at the NRC’s Region III office, 2443 Warrenville Road, in Lisle, Illinois. NRC staff and representatives from Testing Engineers & Consultants, Inc., will participate in person. The public will be able to observe the meeting via Microsoft Teams and listen by calling 301-576-2978, conference code 557657454. The NRC staff will answer questions from the public following the business portion of the meeting.

The NRC identified 16 apparent violations of NRC requirements during an inspection, which included a review of Testing Engineers’ event notification addressing the loss of two moisture density gauges. The apparent violations involved the company’s failure to ensure appropriate safety and security oversight of the gauges in such areas as maintenance; surveillance; physical control; documentation; transportation; training of personnel; and staffing of a radiation safety officer as required by the NRC.

During this conference, Testing Engineers & Consultants representatives will have the opportunity to provide their perspective or additional information regarding the issue before the agency makes its final enforcement decision. The company will also discuss corrective actions taken and planned to address the issue and prevent its recurrence.

No decisions will be made during the meeting. The NRC will review the information and finalize its determination in approximately 60 days after the conference. The decision will be publicly available.