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NRC Proposes \$9,000 Civil Penalty Against Delaware Company

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has [proposed](#) a \$9,000 fine to Agilent Technologies, in Wilmington, Delaware, for violating requirements associated with the security and control of NRC-regulated material.

Agilent holds an NRC license to manufacture and distribute generally licensed devices containing radioactive material. The company also receives devices for service and redistribution to other customers.

The company notified the NRC in July 2024 that a device containing a nickel-63 sealed radioactive source was lost. The NRC then conducted an inspection and identified the apparent violation. Details of the inspection and the apparent violation were documented in a [December report](#).

The company was offered the opportunity to respond to the apparent violation in writing, attend a pre-decisional enforcement conference or engage with the NRC in alternate dispute resolution mediation. Agilent responded to the violation in writing, documenting its corrective actions and actions taken to prevent a recurrence, including revising procedures and updating training. The NRC concluded that the company's information and actions in response to the violation are adequate and compliance with NRC requirements has been addressed. However, the NRC's policy is to apply a civil penalty for cases involving the loss of control of regulated material. Therefore, the NRC is assessing the fine.

The company has 30 days to pay the proposed penalty, contest the penalty in writing, or request alternative dispute resolution with the NRC to resolve this issue.