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NRC Proposes \$9,000 Civil Penalty Against Aluminum Manufacturer Alcoa

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has [proposed](#) a \$9,000 fine to Alcoa Corp. in Newburgh, Indiana, for violating requirements associated with the safe use and control of NRC-regulated material.

Alcoa holds an NRC license to possess and use gauges containing radioactive material for taking measurements.

During a routine NRC inspection in July 2024, two violations were identified. One violation involved the failure to have an approved and qualified radiation safety officer named on the license. The second violation involved a failure to perform leak tests of a sealed source as required for the device.

The NRC expects the company to address the violations to ensure compliance with agency requirements. The NRC documented the violations and provided Alcoa an opportunity to address the issue in [April 2025](#). Alcoa provided a [written](#) and an [email response](#).

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.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The global gold standard for nuclear regulation, the NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.