NRC Proposes $14,500 Fine to Team Industrial Service, Inc.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is proposing a $14,500 fine to Team Industrial Service, Inc., of Alvin, Texas, for failing to lock a radiography device before bringing it aboard a U.S. Navy vessel to examine pipe welds.

The NRC considers the violation significant because a safety barrier was not in place while the device was being hand-carried aboard a U.S. Navy ship, which could have resulted in an inadvertent exposure. NRC investigators concluded the violation was willful, as described in a Jan. 4, 2019, inspection report.

Company officials responded to the NRC’s preliminary finding in a letter dated Feb. 6, 2019. The company has 30 days to dispute the fine or request involvement of a neutral third-party mediator to resolve the issue.