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NRC Proposes \$8,500 Civil Penalty to Alt & Witzig Engineering, Inc.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed an \$8,500 civil penalty against Alt & Witzig Engineering Inc. for a violation associated with the control of a portable nuclear gauge. The company is based in Carmel, Ind.

The Oct. 3 violation involved the licensee's failure to provide physical control of a portable nuclear gauge, which was stolen from outside the gauge operator's residence. NRC regulations require a minimum of two independent physical controls to prevent the unauthorized removal of portable gauges. The portable gauge was recovered with the licensed material intact.

The NRC conducted an inspection to review the event circumstances, the procedures in place at the time, associated documentation and the immediate corrective actions that were taken. A follow-up inspection will be conducted within 12 months of this enforcement action to ensure long-term corrective actions are effective.

Alt & Witzig officials responded to the violation and now have 60 days to agree to the penalty or request an appeal.

A copy of the enforcement action will be posted in <u>ADAMS</u> on the NRC <u>website</u>.