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NRC Proposes $18,000 Civil Penalty Against Indiana-Based Company

NAPERVILLE, Ill.—The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed a $18,000 civil penalty against Hartford Quality Assurance in New Albany, Indiana, for security-related violations. The company holds an NRC license to conduct industrial radiography.

As a result of an inspection and an investigation, the NRC found that multiple security requirements were violated, including some violations that were committed willfully. The details of the violations and findings from the investigation are not publicly disclosed because they are security related issues.

During the inspection, three safety violations were identified, but did not receive a civil penalty. They were associated with the company's failure to follow regulations associated with radiography and radiographic operations.

The NRC issued the enforcement action after reviewing the circumstances surrounding the proposed violations, considering the information presented by the company during a pre-decisional enforcement conference, and the corrective actions the company has taken or plans to take to comply with NRC regulations.

The company has 30 days to pay the fine, dispute it, or request involvement from a neutral third-party.

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 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.