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NRC ISSUES CONFIRMATORY ORDER TO R&M ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS OF ALASKA

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a confirmatory order requiring R&M Engineering Consultants of Fairbanks, Alaska, to transfer two devices containing radioactive material to an authorized licensee after the NRC found the company was deliberately violating agency requirements. The order is effective immediately.

The company holds an NRC license authorizing it to possess portable density gauges containing sealed radioactive sources, used by the construction industry to measure soil density.

An NRC inspection conducted in June 2004 identified an apparent failure by the company to conduct leak tests of its gauges, as required by its license. NRC staff also determined James Wellman, the company's president, did not provide accurate information when he told NRC inspectors that the leak tests had been performed.

As part of an agreement made with the NRC, Wellman agreed to transfer the company's two gauges to an authorized licensee and request termination of R&M's license. In consenting to the issuance of the confirmatory order, he waived his right to a hearing.

Any other person adversely affected by this order has 20 days to request a hearing.

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