

March 5, 2001

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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Global X-Ray & Testing Corporation (EA-00-272)
Morgan City, Louisiana
Docket No. 150-00017

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$5,500

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$5,500 will be issued on or about March 8, 2001, to Global X-Ray & Testing Corporation (GXTC), a State of Louisiana licensee. This action is based on a Severity Level III violation involving a willful failure to comply with safety requirements associated with the use of pipeliner radiographic devices on lay barges within areas of NRC jurisdiction in the Gulf of Mexico. Specifically, GXTC radiographers were not using 3-foot extensions to operate the pipeliners, as required by NRC exemption which permitted use of the pipeliner devices since the pipeliners do not meet the design requirements in 10 CFR 34.20. Because the violation was willful, the staff considered whether credit was warranted for identification and corrective action. Credit was not warranted for identification because the violation was identified as a result of the NRC's inspection and investigation. Credit was warranted for corrective action. This resulted in the assessment of a civil penalty at the base value for a Severity Level III violation.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice
Telephone Notification of Licensee

March 8, 2001
March 8, 2001

The State of Louisiana will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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