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NRC BOARD ISSUES ORDER APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF CIVIL PENALTY PROCEEDING INVOLVING AN EASTON, PA., COMPANY

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has issued an order approving a settlement agreement between the NRC staff and Advanced Medical Imaging and Nuclear Services of Easton, Pa. The agreement reduces a civil penalty against the company from \$43,200 to \$27,500.

On February 19, the NRC staff issued an order imposing a civil penalty of \$43,200 for deliberate violations of agency requirements. (The penalty had been proposed in October of last year.) Specifically, the company was cited for using byproduct material for medical use without an authorized user; failing to appoint a radiation safety officer; and creating incomplete and inaccurate records.

Advanced Medical Imaging appealed the notice of violation and civil penalty, and requested a hearing. In April, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board was established to preside over the enforcement proceeding and granted the company's hearing request. After several months of negotiations, the NRC staff and the company reached a settlement.

The company has 30 days to pay the reduced penalty.

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