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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Individual: Mr. James Chaisson, Radiographer, Texas Gamma Ray (IA-12-009)
Subject: INDIVIDUAL ORDER PROHIBITING INVOLVEMENT IN NRC-LICENSED
ACTIVITIES

This is to inform the Commission that an Order prohibiting Mr. James Chaisson, a radiographer, from working in NRC jurisdiction for a period of 3 years will be issued on or about May 15, 2012. The order will commence 30 days from the date of the order, unless a hearing, extension, or NRC Alternative Dispute Resolution is granted. Specifically, Mr. Chaisson will be prohibited from engaging in NRC-licensed activities, including performing, supervising, assisting or otherwise engaging in (1) industrial radiographic operations for an Agreement State licensee that are conducted under an NRC general license granted pursuant to 10 CFR 150.20; (2) industrial radiographic operations for an NRC licensee; or (3) any other licensed activity in NRC jurisdiction. Further, the order requires Mr. Chaisson to notify the NRC of his involvement in NRC licensed activities for a period of 1 year following the prohibition period.

Previously, a predecisional enforcement conference (PEC) and an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) session were offered to Mr. Chaisson, but he declined both a PEC and ADR. He submitted a written response postmarked March 23, 2012.

This enforcement action is a result of Mr. Chaisson's lack of credibility and his deliberate actions per 10 CFR 30.10, as he caused the licensee to be violation of NRC requirements. Specifically, while employed by Texas Gamma Ray (TGR) in Rock Springs, Wyoming, he deliberately failed to comply with NRC regulations and TGR's license by storing a radiographic exposure device at a location not authorized by the license, from December 2009 to April 30, 2010. In addition, he deliberately failed to implement NRC security requirements for radiographic operations.

Mr. Chaisson is a radiographer with 27 years experience, 8 of those years as a radiation safety officer (RSO). TGR assigned him as the area supervisor and lead radiographer for Wyoming operations and as such, he was responsible for TGR's radiographic operations in Wyoming. He was listed as the person to contact in case of an emergency in Wyoming. Mr. Chaisson was in possession of a copy of TGR's NRC license and was knowledgeable of the restrictions and security requirements associated with the use and storage of radioactive material.

Mr. Chaisson will be informed of the issuance of the Order on or about the following dates:

Mailing of Notice	May 15, 2012
Telephone Notification of Individual	May 15, 2012

The State of Louisiana and the State of Texas will be notified on or about the same date.

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