

September 28, 2016
EN-16-023

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Power Resources, Inc.
Docket No.: 04008964

EA-16-051

Subject: ISSUANCE OF CONFIRMATORY ORDER

This is to inform the Commission that a publicly available Confirmatory Order will be issued on or about September 30, 2016, to Power Resources, Inc. (licensee), a uranium recovery company. The order confirms commitments reached as part of an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) settlement agreement addressing apparent violations identified through an investigation at the licensee's site in Campbell County, Wyoming.

The investigation confirmed that a licensee operations supervisor deliberately failed to maintain complete and accurate records of contamination exit surveys, contrary to the requirements in Title 10 of *the Code of Federal Regulations* 40.9, "Completeness and accuracy of information." Specifically, the operations supervisor filled out monitoring logs to indicate that personnel contamination surveys were performed on two contractors when the surveys were not performed.

In a letter dated August 24, 2016, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) provided the licensee with the results of the investigation and the apparent violations. Additionally, the NRC offered the opportunity to provide a written response, attend a predecisional enforcement conference, or to request ADR with the NRC.

In response to the NRC letter, the licensee requested ADR. An ADR mediation session was held on September 22, 2016, and a preliminary settlement agreement was reached and recognized a number of corrective actions already completed by the licensee. The settlement actions include, but are not limited to the following areas: (1) conducting an annual meeting with key PRI management, the PRI radiation safety office, and facility managers to discuss performance indicators, health physics issues, procedure compliance indicators, and operational safety issues; and (2) revising its initial and annual employee refresher training for employees involved in NRC-regulated activities to emphasize the importance of providing complete and accurate information to the NRC, individual accountability, and the possibility of individual enforcement actions for willful failure to comply with NRC requirements.

Commensurate with the ADR process, the licensee was specifically informed of and agrees to this enforcement action. The licensee also signed a waiver to its hearing rights related to this action. The schedule of issuance and notification is on or about the following dates:

Mailing of Notice
Telephone Notification of Licensee

September 30, 2016
September 30, 2016

The State of Wyoming will be notified.

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