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## **NRC Issues Order Prohibiting Radiographer From Participating in Licensed Activities for One Year**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued an Order barring a radiographer from participating in NRC-licensed activities for one year. The enforcement action against Curtis Thompson is based on his deliberate actions in performing radiographic operations without another qualified individual present while at a temporary jobsite in Gary, Ind.

The NRC issued the enforcement action after finding that Thompson alone willfully used a camera with radioactive material on numerous metal welds while working for a client. During the NRC investigation, Thompson admitted to violating NRC requirements in order to complete the work.

The NRC also issued a Severity Level III Notice of Violation to American Engineering Testing Inc., Thompson's former employer. The company, located in St. Paul, Minn., is licensed by the NRC to use radioactive materials. Implementation of agency regulations ensures the safety of its workers and the public. Thompson's actions resulted in the company violating NRC requirements.

"This enforcement action against Thompson and the violation to the company underscore that willful violations of safety requirements will not be tolerated," said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson.

The company independently identified this issue, informed the NRC of the situation and took corrective actions. As a result, the NRC will not issue a civil penalty to American Engineering Testing Inc.

The NRC's Order directs Thompson to cease all activities involving NRC-licensed activities for one year and he must notify the NRC for the following one-year probation period if he becomes involved in NRC-licensed activities.

A second qualified accompanying individual is required to prevent unauthorized entry into a restricted area where radiographic operations are being performed and to provide assistance when needed.

The NRC's [order](#) and [notice of violation](#) will be available on the [NRC's website](#).