

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: CTI Alaska, Inc. (EA 96-232)
Anchorage, Alaska
Docket No. 030-17129

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$13,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty (Notice) in the amount of \$13,000 will be issued on or about October 31, 1996, to CTI Alaska, Inc. The action is based on: (1) a Severity Level II problem involving a failure to perform an adequate survey of a radiographic device, a failure to check the operability of an alarm ratemeter prior to use, a failure to immediately notify the licensee's radiation safety officer about the potential malfunction of a radiographic device and the off-scale discharge of a pocket dosimeter, and a failure to immediately send for processing a radiographer's film badge after the pocket dosimeter assigned to him discharged beyond its range; and (2) Severity Level III problem concerning a willful failure to post a high radiation area and failure to maintain complete and accurate records regarding the posting of such areas.

In accordance with the Enforcement Policy, a base civil penalty in the amount of \$8,000 and \$5,000 are considered for a Severity Level II and III problems, respectively. The staff considered whether the licensee should be given credit for identification and corrective actions. For both problems, the staff concluded that, while no credit is warranted for identification because the NRC identified the violation, the licensee took prompt and comprehensive corrective action and, thus, credit is warranted for such action. Therefore, a civil penalty of \$13,000 is being proposed (i.e., \$8,000 and \$5,000 for the Severity Level II and III problems, respectively). Letters are also being sent to the involved radiographers.

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	October 31, 1996
Telephone Notification of Licensee	October 31, 1996

The State of Alaska 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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