

March 14, 1997  
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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT  
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Koppel Steel Corporation (EA 96-498)  
Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania  
Docket No. 030-20683

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$8,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$8,000 will be issued on or about March 19, 1997, to Koppel Steel Corporation. The action is based on a Severity Level II involving discrimination against a former Radiation Safety Officer at Koppel Steel Corporation after he provided information to an NRC inspector during an April 1996 inspection.

In accordance with the Enforcement Policy in effect at the time of the violation, a base civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000 is considered for a Severity Level II violation. The licensee did not identify the discriminatory action, nor were the licensee's corrective actions prompt or comprehensive; therefore, no credit was given to the licensee for identification or corrective action. As a result, the proposed civil penalty was increased to twice the base value, or \$8,000.

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	March 19, 1997
Telephone Notification of Licensee	March 19, 1997

The State of Pennsylvania 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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