

SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED: Allwest Testing & Engineering, Inc. 255 North Linder Road Meridian, ID		2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV, 1600 East Lamar Blvd. Arlington, Texas 76011-4511
REPORT NO.: 2021-001		
3. DOCKET NUMBER 030-35139	4. LICENSE NUMBER 11-27637-01	5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION February 2, 2021

LICENSEE:

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are as follows:

- ☐ 1. Based on the inspection findings, no violations were identified.
- ☐ 2. Previous violation(s) closed.
- ☐ 3. The violation(s), specifically described to you by the inspector as non-cited violations, are not being cited because they were self-identified, non-repetitive, and corrective action was or is being taken, and the remaining criteria in the NRC Enforcement Policy, to exercise discretion, were satisfied.
- ☐ Non-Cited Violation(s) was/were discussed involving the following requirement(s):
- ☒ 4. During this inspection certain of your activities, as described below and/or attached, were in violation of NRC requirements and are being cited in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. This form is a NOTICE OF VIOLATION, which may be subject to posting in accordance with 10 CFR 19.11.


10 CFR 30.34(i) requires that each portable gauge licensee shall use a minimum of two independent physical controls that form tangible barriers to secure portable gauges from unauthorized removal, whenever portable gauges are not under the control and constant surveillance of the licensee.

Contrary to the above, between approximately February 2019 and November 18, 2020, the licensee failed to use a minimum of two independent physical controls that form tangible barriers to secure a portable gauge from unauthorized removal, whenever the portable gauge was not under the control and constant surveillance of the licensee. Specifically, since February 2019, the licensee allowed another licensed entity to access their facility, resulting in only a single independent physical control providing a tangible barrier to secure their portable gauges from unauthorized removal by the other licensed entity.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Policy Section 6.3.d.10). On approximately November 18, 2020, the licensee had removed the other licensed entity's access to the facility and that entity will now need to be escorted while at the facility. The implementation of these corrective actions will ensure that two barriers are in place whenever the portable gauges are not under the control and constant surveillance of the licensee and the licensee had achieved full compliance on that date.

Statement of Corrective Actions

I hereby state that, within 30 days, the actions described by me to the Inspector will be taken to correct the violations identified. This statement of corrective actions is made in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201 (corrective steps already taken, corrective steps which will be taken, date when full compliance will be achieved). I understand that no further written response to NRC will be required, unless specifically requested.

TITLE	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
LICENSEE'S REPRESENTATIVE	Chris Beck		02/03/2021
NRC INSPECTOR	Allyce Bolger	Allyce B. Bolger	Digitally signed by Allyce B. Bolger Date: 2021.02.02 15:33:33 -05'00'
BRANCH CHIEF	Daniel Bradley		

From: [Chris Beck](#)
To: [Bolger, Allyce](#)
Cc: [Isaac Rede](#); [Chance Welford](#)
Subject: [External_Sender] RE: NRC Inspection Report
Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 11:54:18 AM
Attachments: [signed inspection report feb 2021.pdf](#)

Good Morning Ms. Bolger,

The signed inspection report form is attached with this email.

Thank you – Chris Beck

Chris C. Beck, P.E.
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From: Bolger, Allyce <Allyce.Bolger@nrc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Chris Beck <cbeck@allwesttesting.com>
Subject: NRC Inspection Report

Mr. Beck,

Attached you will find the NRC inspection report for Allwest Testing & Engineering, Inc., documenting one SLIV notice of violation. Please review and return a signed/dated copy at your earliest convenience.

Additionally, I looked in our database and did not see any incoming amendment request, I would recommend you forward the email to Carol.Hill@nrc.gov to ensure it is processed timely.

Allyce Bolger

Health Physicist
NRC Region IV
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety