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NRC Reaches Agreement with Michigan Company Over Unlicensed Distribution of Tritium Products

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a confirmatory order to Glow Rhino LLC of Dearborn, Michigan, resolving apparent violations of NRC requirements for distribution of consumer products containing radioactive material.

Glow Rhino sells hunting knives and other gear, including some containing glow-in-thedark capsules containing tritium. In April, the NRC notified the company that it had identified two apparent violations for distributing several unauthorized tritium products. The company accepted alternative dispute resolution, in which a third-party mediator facilitated an agreement between the agency and the company. That agreement is spelled out in the confirmatory order issued Oct. 16.

The NRC has now approved two of the tritium products, which Glow Rhino has resumed selling. Under the agreement, the company will return all other unapproved tritium products to their manufacturers or other companies licensed to possess tritium and take measures, including employee training, to ensure future compliance with NRC requirements. The NRC agreed to close its enforcement action without imposing a civil penalty.