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NRC Proposes \$9,000 Civil Penalty to Materials Testing Consultants, Inc.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed a \$9,000 fine to Materials Testing Consultants in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for violations of NRC requirements associated with the control of NRC-regulated material.

The two violations involved the company's failure to conduct physical inventories and maintain constant control and surveillance for licensed radioactive material and the associated devices when not in storage. These failures resulted in the loss of a portable gauge with radioactive material.

Upon notification, the NRC conducted an inspection and documented the two apparent violations in an October inspection report. Materials Testing Consultants responded to the violations, in a letter and an email, documenting actions it has taken to prevent recurrence.

The NRC has concluded that the company's information and actions in response to the violation are adequate and compliance with NRC requirements has been addressed.

The company has 30 days to pay the proposed penalty, contest the penalty in writing, or request alternative dispute resolution with the NRC to resolve this issue.