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NRC PROPOSES \$3,000 FINE AGAINST MICHIGAN FIRM FOR FAILING TO ADEQUATELY SECURE NUCLEAR GAUGE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed a \$3,000 fine against Imaging Subsurface, Inc., of Novi, Mich., for failing to adequately secure a portable nuclear gauge while it was being transported to temporary job sites.

The company uses the portable gauges, which contain sealed radiation sources, to measure soil conditions at road construction sites and other construction locations.

An NRC inspection in April found that the company was not properly securing the portable gauge while it was transported in an open bed truck.

“NRC regulations require that the gauge be transported in a locked and shielded position and that it be adequately secured to prevent theft or loss during shipping,” said Regional Administrator James Caldwell. He added that, in this instance, the violation did not result in the loss of the gauge or a direct safety hazard to company employees or the general public.

In addition to the violation for which the \$3,000 fine was proposed, the NRC inspection also identified two additional violations: Failing to have required shipping documents readily available while the gauge was being transported and failing to lock a second gauge or its container while in storage. No fine was proposed for these violations. The company took steps to correct the violations before the NRC inspection was completed.

The company has until Sept. 16 to pay the fine or to protest it. If the fine is protested and subsequently imposed by the NRC staff, the company may request a hearing.

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