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NRC PROPOSES \$6,000 FINE AGAINST ALL TECH CORP., OF POCATELLO, IDAHO

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has proposed a \$6,000 fine against All Tech Corporation of Pocatello, Idaho, for a willful violation of NRC requirements.

In a letter to the company, Bruce S. Mallett, Administrator of the NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, said the company's General Manager deliberately failed to provide complete and accurate information to an NRC inspector in February 2002 when asked to account for the gauges containing radioactive material in the company's possession.

"The NRC must be able to rely on licensees and their employees to conduct their activities in accordance with NRC requirements, and to provide complete and accurate information to the NRC during its inspections," Mr. Mallett said. "In this case, the actions of your employee prevented the NRC from carrying out its responsibility to ensure that All Tech was storing and securing radioactive material in accordance with NRC requirements."

All Tech officials met with NRC officials in Pocatello on September 15 to discuss the violation. At the conference, All Tech officials described corrective actions taken to ensure its inventory of gauges and record keeping would be accurate.

The NRC has proposed a \$6,000 fine against All Tech for the proposed violation, which it characterized as a Severity III violation. The agency uses a four-level severity scale on which Severity Level I is the most serious. Because the violation was committed willfully, the base penalty of \$3,000 was doubled.

The NRC letter, its enclosures, and the company's response will be made available to interested members of the public through the agency's electronic reading room at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Help in accessing these documents is available from the NRC Public Document Room at (301) 415-4737 or at 1-800-397-4209. The company has 30 days from receipt of the letter to either pay the civil penalty or to protest its imposition.

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