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## **NRC PROPOSES \$3,250 FINE FOR ALASKAN COMPANY, R&M ENGINEERING - KETCHIKAN, INC.**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed a fine of \$3,250 against R&M Engineering-Ketchikan, Inc., of Ketchikan, Alaska, for violating NRC requirements for the possession and use of radioactive materials.

The violation involved the company's failure to follow NRC security requirements in storing portable gauges containing radioactive material at its facility in Ketchikan. Specifically, the company failed to ensure that two doors of the vault where gauges were being stored were locked.

When questioned by an NRC inspector on Feb. 21, a company employee said he understood that both doors to the vault required locks, but he had failed to install a lock on one door. The company has taken corrective action to secure the gauges.

"The NRC has rigorous security requirements for the storage and protection of radioactive materials and we expect our licensees to comply with them," NRC Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins said.

The company has 30 days to pay the proposed fine or challenge it. The NRC's letter, its enclosures and the company's response will be made available to 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 1-800-397-4209.

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