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NRC Proposes \$7,000 Civil Penalty to Allen County Cardiology

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed a \$7,000 civil penalty against Allen County Cardiology for the failure to perform daily surveys and weekly tests while handling licensed radioactive material for use in medical procedures. The company is based in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The violations were identified during an NRC inspection last year and a subsequent investigation. The NRC determined a medical technologist willfully failed to perform daily ambient radiation exposure rate surveys and weekly area radioactive contamination surveys. The technologist also willfully provided inaccurate and incomplete records to the agency.

Allen County Cardiology took corrective actions, which included ensuring adequate time for completing the required tasks, conducting audits and committing to have an independent health physics service perform semi-annual audits.

The NRC has concluded the company's actions are effective and will prevent recurrence. Agency inspectors will conduct a follow-up inspection.

A copy of the Notice of Violation will be posted on the <u>Agencywide Documents Access and Management System</u> (ADAMS) at the NRC website.