

In addition to the proposed fines, the NRC staff has issued a Demand for Information requiring the university to submit, within 60 days, the following information:

1. Why the NRC should not rescind the OSU broad scope license and issue in its place a limited, more restrictive license until NRC inspections demonstrate, over time, that OSU has the ability to manage a broad scope program.

2. Why the improvement plan developed after the 1994 violations failed to prevent further violations.

3. Why the NRC should conclude that OSU will comply with NRC requirements in the future, including assurances that adequate resources will be available, that known violations will be corrected, and that, if adequate resources are not available, the university will curtail its activities to assure compliance.

The NRC staff noted that the university was taking corrective actions to address the violations including additional staff and resources, disposal of 2,000 cubic feet of radioactive waste, and stricter controls over researchers.

The university has until November 24 to pay the fine or to protest it. If the fine is protested and subsequently imposed by the NRC staff, OSU may request a hearing.

Note: The text of the letter to the university and the notice of violation is available on the NRC's internet web site at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/reports>

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