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NRC Issues Order Prohibiting a Contractor for a Cardiology Practice From Participating in Licensed Activities for Three Years

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued an Order barring the chief technical officer of University Nuclear and Diagnostics LLC (UND) from participating in NRC-licensed activities for three years. While performing contract work for an NRC licensee located in South Haven, Mich., Armando Clavero engaged in deliberate misconduct causing the licensee to violate NRC regulations.

The agency also issued a Severity Level III Notice of Violation to UND, based in Davie, Fla., and licensed by the state of Florida to use diagnostic nuclear material. The violation requires the company to provide the NRC with a response outlining the actions the company has taken to correct the violations. The violations occurred while the company was implementing a nuclear medicine program for Bradley D. Bastow, D.O., an NRC license holder in Michigan.

The NRC staff determined that Clavero and other UND employees failed to adhere to NRC's safety requirements. Specifically, they failed to conduct appropriate contamination surveys, make sure survey instruments were properly calibrated; and conduct regular inventories of sealed radioactive sources. The company also falsified records and surveys while Clavero provided false information to the NRC.

“The agency’s actions against Clavero and UND underscore the expectation that NRC licensees and their contractors must act with integrity and comply with the requirements to protect public health and safety,” said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson. “Since the violations occurred at the Bastow cardiology practice, a [Confirmatory Order](#) and a \$1,000 civil penalty were already issued against the company for violating the NRC’s safety requirements in Sept. 2013.”

The NRC’s prohibition order directs Clavero to cease all activities involving NRC-licensed activities and notify the NRC for a year following the three-year prohibition period if he becomes involved in NRC-licensed activities.

The NRC’s prohibition order (ML14126A742) and notice of violation (ML14125A346) will be available on the [NRC’s website](#).