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NRC Issues Confirmatory Order to Entergy Operations, Inc.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a Confirmatory Order to Entergy Operations, Inc. The company has agreed to a series of actions following an investigation that determined that workers at the Waterford 3 nuclear power plant failed to perform fire inspections and falsified records.

The Confirmatory Order is a result of the NRC's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process, which was requested by the company to address violations identified by the NRC in a December 14, 2015, [inspection report](#). The ADR process involves mediation facilitated by a neutral third party with no decision-making authority who assists the NRC and a licensee in reaching agreement when there are differences regarding an enforcement action.

The NRC determined that on multiple occasions between July 2013 and April 2014, seven contract workers falsified records showing they had performed fire inspections they never conducted. In addition, an Entergy supervisor willfully failed to identify and take corrective actions when provided with information of suspected wrongdoing by contract fire watch personnel. A contractor manager also willfully provided incomplete and inaccurate information to a plant security officer investigating the trustworthiness and reliability of a contract worker who performed fire watches.

The NRC requires licensees to conduct tours of specific plant areas on a regularly scheduled basis to ensure that fires do not occur in areas that could damage vital plant equipment. Licensees are required to keep logs certifying that the inspections have been conducted and document any adverse conditions discovered.

In light of significant corrective actions Entergy has taken, the NRC has not issued a Notice of Violation or a civil penalty. Entergy agreed to complete a fleet-wide review of its fire watch programs over the past five years; establish a corporate lead for oversight of the company's fire watch programs; and improve training programs according to timelines established in the Confirmatory Order.

The Confirmatory Order is publicly available through the Agency Documents and Management System (ADAMS) on the [NRC website](#).