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NRC Proposes \$45,000 Fine to Idaho State University for Agency Requirement Violations

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is proposing a \$45,000 fine to Idaho State University for five violations of NRC requirements involving its failure to control and maintain surveillance of licensed radioactive material. The violations concern the university's radiation safety program, including the university's accounting of radioactive materials, as described in an April 2 inspection [report](#).

NRC staff met with university representatives on May 10 during a pre-decisional enforcement conference to discuss the violations. They include:

- Two failures of their radiation safety committee and reactor safety committee to provide effective oversight of, and written procedures for, two safety-significant licensed activities;
- Failure to comply with the provisions of a previously issued [Confirmatory Order](#); and
- Two failures related to the university's special nuclear material inventory and reporting to the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System.

The university has 60 days to dispute the fine or request involvement of a neutral third-party mediator to resolve the issues.