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NRC Issues Confirmatory Order to Avera McKennan

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a Confirmatory Order to Avera McKennan of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, documenting mutually agreed upon actions to implement programs designed to address regulatory compliance issues that contributed to two apparent violations of NRC requirements. The company operates medical facilities in South Dakota.

The apparent violations involved the company's failure to determine, by direct measurement, the radioactivity of dosages before medical use, and to maintain information that was complete and accurate. The apparent violations of NRC requirements are described in a Dec. 21, 2021, NRC inspection and investigation <u>report</u>.

Company officials requested the Alternative Dispute Resolution process with the NRC to discuss corrective actions. The process uses a neutral mediator with no decision-making authority to assist the NRC and its licensees in reaching an agreement.

Following an April 20 meeting with company officials, the NRC issued the <u>Confirmatory</u> <u>Order</u> documenting actions that the company has agreed to take in addition to Orders (1, 2) issued to two of its employees.