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NRC Proposes \$9,000 Civil Penalty Against Paramount Builders, Inc.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed a \$9,000 civil penalty against Paramount Builders, Inc. of Pago Pago, American Samoa, for a violation of NRC requirements associated with its use of equipment containing radioactive materials.

The violation involved the company's possession and use of two portable nuclear gauges, although only one was authorized in its NRC license. The devices are used to measure the physical properties of materials, such as soil at construction sites. Companies are required to properly handle and possess radioactive materials in the quantity authorized by their NRC license to protect public health and the environment.

The proposed fine stems from an unannounced inspection conducted in February 2024 at the facility, followed by an office review. During the inspection, 10 other violations were identified but were not assessed a civil penalty. All identified violations are documented in the September 2024 inspection [report](#).

The NRC issued its [decision](#) after reviewing the circumstances surrounding the proposed violation and corrective actions taken by the company.

Paramount Builders has 30 days to pay the fine, dispute it, or request involvement from a neutral third-party mediator to resolve the issue.