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NRC TO HOLD PREDECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE WITH SABIA, INC.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a pre-decisional enforcement conference on Nov. 10 with officials from Sabia, Inc., of Idaho Falls, Idaho, to discuss apparent violations of NRC requirements for the handling and use of radioactive materials.

The apparent violations stem from a Feb. 29 incident at the company's lab during which several workers were exposed to radioactive Strontium-90 when a sealed source was breached. The apparent violations involve inadequacies in the company's radiation protection program and failure to perform a leak test of a radioactive source when it was removed from storage prior to use.

The apparent violations are described in an NRC inspection report that is publicly available on the NRC's web site or from the NRC's Public Document Room (ADAMS Accession Number ML082940325.)

The meeting, which will be open to public observation, will begin at 8 a.m. in the NRC's Region IV offices in Arlington, Texas. The public will have an opportunity to observe and ask questions of the NRC staff before the meeting is adjourned. Members of the public can listen to the meeting via special telephone line by calling 1-800-952-9677 and asking to be connected to the meeting.

No decision on the final significance, the apparent violations or any contemplated enforcement action will be made during the conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later date.

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