

## Department of Energy Fines Washington Group International and RTS Wright Industries For Nuclear Safety Violations Civil Penalties Issued Total \$96,250

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**WASHINGTON, DC** The Department of Energy's Office of Environment, Safety and Health today announced that it has issued a proposed civil penalty of \$55,000 to Washington Group International (WGI) and \$41,250 to RTS Wright Industries, LLC (RTS) for violating federal nuclear safety requirements associated with the procurement of and inspection documentation for glovebox components. WGI is based in Aiken, S.C., and RTS is based in Nashville, Tenn. The violations did not result in harm to workers or the environment.

WGI is a subcontractor to BNFL Inc., which is the department's prime contractor for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project at the Idaho National Environmental and Engineering Laboratory. RTS was retained by WGI to fabricate the glovebox components for the facility.

RTS was cited for falsifying inspection records, failing to comply with its procedures related to quality control stamps, and with failing to implement an adequate quality improvement process to identify and correct quality assurance deficiencies. After these deficiencies were identified, RTS provided corrective actions resulting in a mitigation to the proposed civil penalty.

WGI was cited for failing to properly establish adequate surveillance and oversight for the work performed by RTS.

The preliminary notice of violation will become final in 30 days unless the violations are denied with sufficient justification. The Price-Anderson Amendments Act directed the department to develop and enforce nuclear safety rules with its contractors. Additional information on this action and other aspects of the enforcement program will be available via the Internet at <http://www.eh.doe.gov/enforce>.

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