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NRC Issues Confirmatory Order to Power Resources, Inc.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a Confirmatory Order to Power Resources, Inc., of Casper, Wyo., documenting actions that the company has agreed to take to ensure it maintains complete and accurate records of radiation surveys of personnel exiting its facilities.

The [order](#) formalizes commitments company officials made to the NRC following an investigation of activities at the company's North Butte facility in Campbell County, Wyo. The NRC preliminarily determined that a former operations supervisor falsified a record of exit surveys that was supposed to be conducted on Sept. 12, 2013. In fact, the surveys required by NRC regulations were not conducted.

The company requested the Alternative Dispute Resolution process to resolve differences with the NRC concerning the issue and to discuss corrective actions. The process uses a neutral mediator with no decision-making authority to assist the NRC and its licensees in coming to an agreement.

Following a meeting on Sept. 22 with company officials, the NRC issued a Confirmatory Order documenting actions the company has agreed to. Power Resources will: (1) conduct annual meetings among key management, radiation safety officers, facility managers and other appropriate technical personnel to emphasize the importance of compliance with NRC regulations and ensure the accuracy of records; (2) ensure that it has a qualified member of its health physics staff available at any of its facilities when equipment is being released from a radiologically controlled area to an unrestricted area; and (3) provide additional training for new employees and supplemental annual refresher training.