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NRC Imposes \$43,500 Civil Penalty on New York Firm for Unlicensed Importation and Distribution of Radioactive Material

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has imposed a \$43,500 [civil penalty](#) on Dead Ringer LLC of Rochester, N.Y., for importing and distributing radioactive material without proper licenses.

An NRC investigation in 2017 established that Dead Ringer was selling gun sights containing radioactive material (tritium) without proper licenses, beginning in January 2015. While consumers do not need a license to possess such gun sights, a company that distributes them is required to have an exempt distribution license from the NRC and to register the sealed source and device. An exempt distribution license authorizes distribution to unlicensed wholesalers or retailers. The company was also required to have a license from the State of New York to possess radioactive material.

Dead Ringer informed the NRC in December 2017 that it had stopped distributing the gun sights. Subsequent NRC investigations determined that the sights remained available online through Dead Ringer's official store on Amazon.com. The investigation determined that company officials willfully continued to sell the gun sights without seeking the licenses to avoid paying licensing fees.

The order imposing the penalty was issued Oct. 22. The company has 20 days from that date to pay the civil penalty or request an adjudicatory hearing.