

## TIME AND ATTENDANCE FRAUD

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We initiated investigations involving an Amtrak (the company) supervisor and subordinate employee after an audit of the company's payroll and overtime system revealed that the supervisor claimed unusually high overtime hours. In addition, we received several allegations about the subordinate employee's involvement with workplace safety violations and time and attendance fraud.

We found that the supervisor fraudulently claimed approximately 318 hours of regular and overtime hours from September 2014 to April 2015 totaling \$14,160.05. During the same time period, the subordinate employee fraudulently claimed at least 117 hours of regular and overtime hours totaling \$5,288.30

In addition, both employees failed to properly use the Engineering department's system for inputting labor hours for time accounting purposes. Further, we found both employees violated workplace safety rules by leaving unqualified trainees unsupervised on safety-critical assignments, which included their proximity to high-voltage equipment and systems.

On June 23, 2017, the subordinate employee resigned from the company in lieu of his administrative hearing and is ineligible for rehire. On August 1, 2017, the supervisor retired from the company in lieu of his administrative hearing.