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Seven-Figure Settlement Reached Against Installer of Fire Protection System

One of the nation's premier children's hospitals sustained a nearly \$2 million loss stemming from a water damage incident that originated in a newly constructed area of the facility. Further investigation of this incident confirmed that a contractor negligently installed a fire protection system, which precipitated the water damage. Specifically, the installer neglected to conduct a manual test of the fire hose valve, to ensure that it was closed upon completion of its work. Since it was left open, the water pressure from the recently installed fire protection system ruptured the protective cap to the valve, allowing water to run unabated into the building until the valve was finally closed almost ten minutes later. Brian Tetro, a Partner in the Subrogation Department, negotiated a seven-figure settlement from the installer of the fire protection system.

