ALL AGREEMENT STATES

UPDATE TO THE TRAINING COURSE LIST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 (FSME-13-010)

PURPOSE: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has updated the list of courses for Fiscal Year 2013 that directly relate to the Agreement State programs (enclosure). The availability of the H-304, "Medical Use for Radionuclides," the H-313, "Brachytherapy & Gamma Knife" and H-305, "Safety Aspects of Industrial Radiography" courses has been delayed. As these courses become available, NRC will issue additional updates to the Agreement States.

BACKGROUND: The NRC funds Agreement State staff training and associated travel to attend the current courses offered through the NRC training program for materials licensing and inspection staff. We believe this funding enhances State programs and fosters national consistency in the implementation of the materials licensing and inspection programs.

DISCUSSION: The attached training schedule updates the schedule that was originally issued on October 11, 2012. Three courses have been delayed pending the awarding of contracts. Once new contracts are signed and the Technical Training Center (TTC) confirms the dates for the next courses, we will notify the Agreement States at least 10 weeks prior to the dates to allow time to submit training applications. At the 8 week mark, the selection process will be completed and training acceptance letters will be issued.

The H-304 Medical Use for Radionuclides and the H-313 Brachytherapy & Gamma Knife courses have been in very high demand over the last few years. To address the need for an increased number of these courses, the NRC staff has sought expanded options in the new contract. However, as a result of these options the total value of the contract reached a level that requires additional internal approvals and has necessarily delayed finalization of a contract. The new contract will not be awarded in time to process applications and make travel arrangements prior to the original March course dates. Thus, the medical courses scheduled for March 11-15, and March 18-22, 2013 respectively, are being cancelled. In addition, the contract award for the H-305 Industrial Radiography has been delayed and thus the class scheduled for February 25 – March 1, 2013, has also been cancelled.

We apologize for this inconvenience. We recognize the importance of these courses to your qualification programs and we will diligently work with the TTC to get these new contracts in place, with more medical courses and more slots available to the Agreement States.

While we will continue to actively work on expanding the availability of NRC training courses, we all have an obligation to ensure that our respective employees are trained and qualified regardless of whether the NRC is able to cover the training and travel costs.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below.

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Enclosure:

Updated training course schedule

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LIST OF NRC-SPONSORED TRAINING COURSE OFFERINGS FOR CY 2013

Course	Title	Dates	Location	Mobile?	Max
G-108	Inspection Procedures	March 4-8, 2013 Oct. 28-Nov 1, 2013	Chattanooga, TN Chattanooga, TN	Y	24
G-109	Licensing Procedures	March 11 - 15, 2013 Nov. 4-8, 2013	Chattanooga, TN Chattanooga, TN	Y	24
G-205	Root Cause Workshop	Feb 11-15, 2013 Feb 25-29, 2013 Mar 18-22, 2013 April 29-May 3, 2013 May 20-24, 2013 June 17-21, 2013 July 22-26, 2013 Aug 12-16, 2013 Sep 16-20, 2013 Oct 7-11, 2013 Nov 4-8, 2013 Dec 9-13, 2013	Chattanooga, TN Atlanta, GA Chattanooga, TN Chattanooga, TN Rockville, MD Arlington, TX Chattanooga, TN Lisle, IL Chattanooga, TN Atlanta, GA King of Prussia, PA Chattanooga, TN	Y	18
H-111	Environmental Monitoring	May 6 –10, 2013 Oct 14-18, 2013	Oak Ridge, TN Oak Ridge, TN	N	24
H-115	Characterization and Planning for Decommissioning	November 4-8, 2013	Chattanooga, TN	Y	24
H-117	Introductory Health Physics	Feb. 4 -8, 2013 Nov. 18-22, 2013	Chattanooga TN Rockville, MD	Y	24
H-119	Air Sampling	April 29- May 3, 2013	Oak Ridge, TN	N	24
H-120	MARSAME	June 10-13, 2013	Rockville, MD	Y	24
H-121	MARSSIM	Feb. 11 - 15, 2013 Aug 12-16, 2013	Chattanooga, TN Rockville, MD	Y	24
H-122	Fundamental Health Physics I and II (Basic Health Physics)	Jan. 28 – Feb. 8, 2013 July 29-Aug 9, 2013	Oak Ridge, TN Oak Ridge, TN	N	24
H-123	Fundamentals Health Physics III	Dec 10-14, 2012 June 24-28, 2013 Nov 18-22, 2013	Oak Ridge, TN Oak Ridge, TN Oak Ridge, TN	N	24
H-201	Advanced Health Physics (Health Physics Technology)	April 15 - 26, 2013 Sep.16 - 27, 2013	Chattanooga, TN Chattanooga, TN	N	12
H-304	Nuclear Medicine	TBD* Aug. 5-9, 2013* Nov 4-8, 2013*	TBD Houston, TX Houston, TX	N	18
H-305	Industrial Radiography	TBD* Oct 21-25, 2013*	TBD	N	24
H-308	Transportation of RAM	Feb. 25 - March 1, 2013 June 10-14, 2013 Sept 23-27, 2013	Chattanooga, TN Chattanooga, TN Chattanooga, TN	Y	24

H-312	Internal Dosimetry	Dec. 9 - 13, 2013	Rockville, MD	Y	24
H-313	Brachytherapy & Gamma Knife	TBD* Aug. 12-16, 2013* Nov 18-22, 2013*	TBD	N	18
H-314	Well Logging	April 22-26, 2013 Sept 23-27, 2013	Houston, TX Houston, TX	N	24
H-315	Irradiator Technology	May 13 - 17, 2013 July 15-19, 2013	Laval QC Canada Laval QC Canada	N	10
H-410	RESRAD	April 9-12, 2013	Rockville, MD	Υ^	20
H-411	RESRAD-Offsite Training Workshop	Aug. 20-23, 2013	Rockville, MD	γ^	20
H-412	Advanced RESRAD	March 19-22, 2013	Rockville, MD	у	14
H-413	MILDOS-Area Workshop	None for FY2013	None for FY2013	у	14
H-500	Visual Sampling Plan	Feb 5-8, 2013 Aug 13-16, 2013	Harrisburg, PA Rockville, MD	Y	16
S-201	NRC Materials Control & Security Systems & Principles	May 6- 10, 2013 Aug. 5 - 9, 2013	Chattanooga, TN Chattanooga, TN	N	24

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Course requires a computer lab with at least one computer work station for every two students.

Available first to the states of Utah, Colorado, Washington and Texas. As space allows, Nebraska, New Mexico, Arizona, Virginia and Nevada are allowed to attend.

Dates tentative, and locations TBD, pending award of a new contract.