

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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November 24, 2004

Ms. Roshunda Drummond Government Relations Policy Analyst American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology 12500 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 375 Fairfax, Virginia 22033-3882

SUBJECT: INITIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCESS TO SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION

Dear Ms. Drummond,

In order to facilitate enhancement of security during transport of radioactive material, I am granting initial authorization for you to view, discuss and receive material designated as Safeguards Information-Modified Handling (SGI-M). This authorization is based on the information provided in your transmittal of November 15, 2004, regarding your trustworthiness and reliability. Safeguards Information-Modified Handling must be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with Section 147, Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended and handled in accordance with specific requirements of the enclosed Order.

On October 27, 2004 you were informed by letter of the Commission's intent to issue Orders imposing Additional Security Measures (ASMs) on the transportation of radioactive material quantities of concern (RAM QC). I have enclosed a copy of the draft ASMs, draft Regulatory Issue Summary, and a copy of the Order designating the draft ASMs and RIS as Safeguards Information-Modified Handling. This information is being provided to you in preparation for the closed stakeholder meetings to discuss the draft ASMs. The stakeholder meeting dates, times, and locations are provided below.

1.	Friday, December 3, 2004
	8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

U.S. NRC Region III 2443 Warrenville Road Lisle, Illinois 60532

2. Monday, December 6, 2004 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

U.S. NRC Headquarters TWFN Auditorium 11545 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland 20852

3. Thursday, December 9, 2004 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building Edward R. Roybal Auditorium & Conference Center 3rd Floor North Tower 1301 Clay Street Oakland, California 94612

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If you plan on attending one of these meetings, please pre-register by notifying Adelaide Giantelli by the close of business on November 29, 2004 transport_security@nrc.gov or fax number at 301-415-6661.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will maintain you as point of contact for receiving SGI that may be included in any future correspondence. Please notify the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response of changes in the personnel at the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology authorized to receive SGI and provide the basis for your determination that the new point of contact has an established need-to-know and is trustworthy.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Adelaide Giantelli, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response at 301-415-3521 or by e-mail to transport_security@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Joseph W. Shea, Director Nuclear Security Policy Project Directorate Division of Nuclear Security Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

Enclosure:

1. Order package sent to materials licensees and certificate holders (contains SGI-M)

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