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To: All NRC Employees
SUBJECT: MODIFIED HANDLING OF SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION FOR BYPRODUCT MATERIAL LICENSEES

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recently issued orders to licensees for panoramic and underwater irradiators to improve security and access control measures for the protection of radioactive material. The orders contain information that is designated as Safeguards Information - Modified Handling (SGI-M). SGI-M is a designation/marketing that pertains to certain SGI that is subject to handling requirements that are modified from what Part 73 requires for the handling of special nuclear material.

Despite the additional marking of "Modified Handling," the information is Safeguards Information and shall be treated by NRC employees and its contractors as traditional Safeguards Information per Management Directive 12.6, "NRC Sensitive Unclassified Information Security Program." Protection measures include need-to-know, secure storage when not in use, marking, secure data processing on secure computers, transmission over secure telephone lines, proper destruction, and packaging. Safeguards Information is exempt from public release and is not placed in the ADAMS system.

Employees are encouraged to review the instructions on the handling, protection, and transmission of classified or sensitive unclassified information in Management Directives 12.5 and 12.6; NUREG/BR-0268, "Sensitive Unclassified Information"; the recently updated yellow card, "Minimum Requirements for Handling Classified and Sensitive Unclassified Information," which is available at the NRC Supply Store; and on the back of the magenta colored SGI cover sheet.

For additional information concerning Safeguards Information and its handling, contact Bern Stapleton at 301-415-2432 or bws2@nrc.gov.

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