



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

November 14, 2005

State Homeland Security Advisors:
(see enclosed list)

SUBJECT: INCREASED CONTROLS FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL QUANTITIES OF CONCERN

This letter is to ensure you are aware that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), working cooperatively with the Organization of Agreement States, Inc., and individual Agreement States, has developed and is currently enhancing controls for radioactive materials licensees possessing radioactive material quantities of concern. These controls will supplement existing requirements and when implemented by licensees, will contribute to ensuring that our common objectives of enhancing control over certain radioactive sources and protecting public health and safety will continue to be met.

The increased controls are being issued consistent with the existing Agreements with States, under Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, for protection of public health and safety. The issuance of these controls is also consistent with ongoing national and international efforts to address the potential health and safety hazards that could be posed by the loss of control over such radioactive sources. This approach to issuing the increased controls will maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of NRC and Agreement State inspection resources by inspecting safety and control requirements in an integrated manner.

The NRC staff provided copies of the increased controls to Agreement State Radiation Control Program Directors on September 2, 2005. The NRC and the Agreement States will complete the issuance of the increased controls in December 2005. When issued, the Orders issued to the NRC licensees for increased controls will be made available on the NRC's website at: www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/enforcement/security/.

If you have any questions concerning how the increased controls are being implemented in your State, you should contact your Agreement State Radiation Control Program Director if you represent an Agreement State. If you represent a Non-Agreement State, or if you have any questions about NRC's Order, or you would like to receive a copy of the increased controls directly from the NRC, please contact Dr. Charles L. Miller, Director, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop TWFN-8F3, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-7197 or e-mail CLM1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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