

SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION - MODIFIED HANDLING

February 27, 2006

To: Holders of Material Licenses Authorized
to Possess and Transfer Items Containing
Radioactive Material Quantities of Concern

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE DESIGNED TO FACILITATE
LICENSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF NRC ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES
FOR TRANSPORTATION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS QUANTITIES OF
CONCERN

Dear Licensee:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) issued Orders on July 19, 2005, EA-05-006, imposing requirements with respect to the transportation of radioactive material quantities of concern (RAMQC), requiring compliance with the specified additional safeguards and security measures.

The NRC is providing implementation guidance designed to facilitate licensee implementation of the additional security measures (ASMs). The NRC worked with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Transportation Security Task Force (TSTF) in their development of an implementation guidance document to facilitate licensee implementation of the ASMs. During development, the NRC held numerous meetings with the NEI TSTF to specifically discuss and provide comment on the draft implementing guidance. The NRC determined that NEI's document provides an acceptable method for licensee implementation of the ASMs.

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Sincerely,

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