

TIMELINE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE INCREASED CONTROLS

August 15, 2005

- Commission issued the Staff Requirements Memorandum for COMSECY-05-0028.

September 2, 2005

- The staff issued a letter to the Agreement States which provided expectations for issuance of the requirements, reporting on licensee implementation, and conduct of inspections.
- The Office of the Secretary dispatched letters from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Chairman to Agreement State Governors, Congressional Oversight Committees, and Federal Agencies (Department of Homeland Security, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration).

September 6, 2005

- The Organization of Agreement States, Inc. provided a letter of support to all Agreement States, along with a generic license condition which was approved by the staff. The license condition was used by the large majority of the Agreement States to issue the increased controls.
- The staff dispatched a copy of the NRC Chairman's letters to the Agreement State Governors to the State Liaison Officers and Radiation Control Program Directors.
- The staff also notified Congressional Offices, international counterparts, and key Federal Staff at Department of Homeland Security, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, and the Office of the Vice President.
- The Office of Public Affairs also issued a press release.

September 7, 2005

- The staff dispatched a letter to NRC and Agreement States licensees to provide notification that the additional requirements are being issued under public health and safety authority, and Agreement States will be implementing the increased controls via Order or other immediate effective mechanism for licensees within their jurisdiction.

September 30, 2005

- The staff provided the Commission with a prioritization methodology to inspect higher risk licensees within the first year of implementation.

Enclosure

November 4, 2005

- The staff dispatched the prioritization methodology to the Agreement States.

November 14, 2005

- The NRC issued the increased controls to approximately 500 NRC licensees.
- The staff notified State Homeland Security Advisors of the increased controls and the implementation approach.

November 23, 2005

- The staff issued a draft temporary instruction for inspecting against licensee implementation of the increased controls for NRC staff and Agreement State comment.

December 1, 2005

- The NRC Order was published in the *Federal Register*.

December 2, 2005

- The Agreement States completed issuance of the increased controls to approximately 1,700 licensees in accordance with the Commission's established time-frames.
- All of the Agreement States imposed either a legally binding license condition requiring implementation of the increased controls, or issued Orders and a corresponding license condition to implement the increased controls.

December 5, 2005

- The Office of Public Affairs issued a press release which announced that the increased controls had been issued over the three month time period and provided links to the public for the NRC's increased controls.
- The staff provided the press release to all Radiation Control Program Directors, State Liaison Officers, international counterparts, and Congressional oversight committees.

December 7, 2005

- The staff provided a copy of the 12/5/2005 press release to the State Transportation Contacts.
- The staff provided the Agreement States an opportunity to comment on draft revisions to the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program to reflect implementation of the increased controls.

December 22, 2005

- As a result of the staff's confirmatory review of licensees potentially subject to the increased controls Order, the staff issued the increased controls to an additional 635 NRC licensees that met the criteria for receiving the Order, but were not included in the November 14, 2005, mailing.

January 26, 2006

- The staff convened the initial meeting of a working group composed of NRC managers and representatives of the Organization of Agreement States, Inc., and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. This working group was established to ensure regulatory consistency by reviewing and dispositioning implementation issues identified by the NRC staff, the Agreement State Radiation Control Programs and licensees. The working group meets weekly, and additional questions and answers developed by the group have been posted on the NRC web site.

February 16, 2006

- The NRC drafted and distributed standard violations for the increased controls which are currently undergoing NRC legal review and review by the Office of Enforcement. When these internal reviews are complete, the standard violations will be finalized and subsequently distributed to each of the Agreement State programs and NRC Regional Offices.

February 22, 2006

- The staff completed a needs analysis for attendance in the NRC sponsored "Materials Control and Security Systems and Principles" course in FY 2006 and FY 2007. The staff determined that the training courses currently budgeted for FY 2006 and FY 2007 should ensure an adequate number of both NRC and Agreement State personnel receive the necessary training to be able to conduct inspections in a time-frame consistent with the Commission direction in the SRM for COMSECY-05-0028.
- As called for in the transition plan for the increased control of sources, and in order to enhance communications with each of the Agreement States on the implementation of the increased controls, bi-weekly teleconferences have been initiated to provide a forum for each of the Agreement States and NRC Regional Offices to be kept abreast of implementation issues of mutual interest.

March 20, 2006

- The staff finalized and submitted for publication the temporary instruction for the inspection of increased controls.

March 27, 2006

- The staff finalized revisions to the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program to reflect increased controls.

March 31, 2006

- Minnesota issued NRC-approved increased controls to affected licensees.

April 2006

- Increased controls inspections commenced in several Agreement States

April 4, 2006

- The staff completed an NRC regional branch chief workshop to address increased controls planning and implementation issues, including the scheduling of inspections.

June 1, 2006

- The Implementation of Increased Controls Working Group revised its charter to include addressing issues in the inspection phase of the overall implementation.

June 20, 2006

- The staff completed the development of an Increased Controls toolbox and message board on a secure server accessed on the Office of State and Tribal Programs web site to allow States and Regional Offices to communicate and discuss information applicable to the increased controls.

July, 2006

- All NRC regional offices and Agreement States began conducting inspections for licensee compliance with the IC.

August 2006

- The contract for the Materials Control and Security Systems and Principles course was transferred from Sandia National Laboratory in Albuquerque, NM to the Technical Training Center (TTC) in Chattanooga, TN. The TTC contract will be effective as of October 1, 2006; however, the Sandia campus will continue to host the course for the FY 07 sessions.