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Dave:

Cathryn sent me an e-mail this morning with the following information:

Good news & not so good news... The good news is that I FINALLY found the right person at the right agency for the radioactive material licensing and regulations. Ms. Ma is at the Nuclear Control/Management Office in the China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC), a Central Government controlled corporation. (She was the one who just got back from a business trip.) She confirmed that she was the right person to contact; however, the no-so-good news is that she would not release the exempt quantity & variety to me claiming that it was for domestic companies only. Since I am from the U.S., they would not be able to give me the information. She indicated that our Chinese steel manufacture needed to contact her directly at 011-86-10-6855-5535.

On one hand, it is troubling to be told that we can't have a copy of applicable regulations. On the other hand, it is possible they are concerned about non-domestic evaluations of how their programs actually work (i.e., by the the IAEA) and are thus holding them close to the chest. The fact that exemption quantities appear to exist is actually good news as there is a chance they are sensitive to business issues and willing to work with the local recipient.

Once you have learned where the sample of CANAL is to go, assuming of course the recipient knows it contains small but detectable concentrations of radioactivity, perhaps we can get them to call Ms. Ma, secure a copy of the applicable regulations, and send them on over to us. Having them in hand will not only make the shipment of the sample easier and put us in a position of guiding the recipient through the process, it will jump-start us on getting the entire CANAL inventory over to them when that day comes. (Note that I didn't say "if that day comes".)

We'll stand by to hear from you.

- Carol

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