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 (ATTN: Ms. O. Masnik-Bailey)

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SUBJECTS: Technical Assist Request (TAR)

Dear Ms. Masnik-Bailey:

The Naval Radiation Safety Committee (NRSC) requests a TAR clarifying U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Master Materials License No. 45-23645-~~9b~~^{NA} condition 10. This condition states that "Licensed material may be used at Department of the Navy facilities by: (1) Department of the Navy personnel as authorized by permits issued by the Naval Radiation Safety Committee; and (2) users who are not Department of the Navy personnel when such use is authorized by the Naval Radiation Safety Committee and is conducted in work spaces under the control of the Department of the Navy or Department of Defense."

The NRSC needs this interpretation because we have received a request from the Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical (JTFCAPMED) for Naval Radioactive Materials Permits for two future joint Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs). These two MTFs are the current National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda MD, and DeWitt Community Hospital, Ft. Belvoir VA. Both of these facilities will cease to be service specific and become Department of Defense (DoD) MTFs under the umbrella of JTFCAPMED. NNMC will stay physically located on a Navy base and DeWitt will stay on an Army base. While NNMC has a well established radiation protection program, DeWitt does not have nuclear medicine programs and therefore no radiation protection programs. JTFCAPMED intends to start a new nuclear medicine program at DeWitt to alleviate the expected increase in volume of patients at NNMC as a direct cause of the closure of the Army's Walter Reed Hospital in Washington DC.

Our interpretation of condition 10 is that the NRSC may issue permits to joint staff working in Department of Defense (DoD)

controlled spaces on a Navy base. Following this interpretation the NRSC intends to issue a Type A Broad Scope permit to the Operational Commander of JTFCAPMED for NNMC. The permit will include tie-downs insuring regulatory control by the NRSC. By issuing the permit to the flag-ranked officer at JTFCAPMED, the NRSC will insure that regulatory control is at the highest level of the command. The NRSC is also of the opinion that this same permit to JTFCAPMED could be used to authorize and regulate nuclear medicine operations at NNMC's sister command at DeWitt. This is analogous to licenses issued to large research institutions, where some of the buildings may be located outside of the main campus. Unlike these licensees, the NRSC will require both hospitals to have a radiation safety officer and associated programs.

Please provide the NRSC with an opinion on our intentions on the above issue. The NRSC also requests an expeditious resolution to our TAR due to deadlines that must be met to comply with congressionally mandated timelines.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone at (703) 602-5365 or through electronic mail at lino.fragoso@navy.mil.

Sincerely,



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