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17 March 2009

Director
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Attention: Angela R. McIntosh, Mail Stop T8-E24
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Subj: DEMAND FOR INFORMATION (DFI) AND REPORTING DAMAGED DEVICES CONTAINING RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

Dear Ms. McIntosh:

Per your request in the letter of 16 January 2009 and the additional information conveyed in our telephone conversation of 26 January, the Naval Radiation Safety Committee (NRSC) has identified the responsible office for general licenses issued to the Navy and the Marine Corps (USMC) under Part 10 Code of Federal Regulations section 31.5.

I am forwarding a letter from the Commander, Naval Installations Command (CNIC) acknowledging that they are the appropriate office for the request for information. Further, due to the amount of work involved in inventorying the exit signs, in this letter the CNIC requests an extension on the deadline to report the information. Please direct all further correspondence and inquiries regarding this subject to Mr. Richard Maiello, CNIC N3, at the address in the enclosure. I have also been informed that the USMC has independently corresponded with the USNRC and is in contact with you.

Because you now have the appropriate points of contact for both organizations, my understanding is that my office is no longer actively involved in the DFI. However, to maintain awareness of the NRSC, I am requesting that you forward copies of any correspondence that you may have with the Navy and the Marine Corps points of contact to this office.

Please note in the enclosure the formidable task faced by the CNIC in surveying 70,000 buildings for tritium exit signs. This is a daunting job that will require time and effort to complete. In order to accelerate the process, and on behalf of the CNIC, I would like to request a copy of your database containing the information regarding the Navy and USMC tritium exit signs. I

believe that this information will help our personnel immensely, by corroborating and also identifying discrepancies in the CNIC's exit sign data. If a database is not available, then any additional information that you can provide will be very useful in this task.

If you require any further information, my phone number is (703) 602-5365.

Sincerely,

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United States Navy
Executive Secretary
Naval Radiation Safety Committee

Copy to: CNIC HQ, N3 (Mr. R. Maiello)
USMC HQ, SD (LCDR Sharp)
USNRC Region I (Ms. Masnik-Bailey)

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From: Commander, Navy Installations Command (N3)
To: Head, Radiological Controls and Health Branch, Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: U.S. REGULATORY COMMISSION (USNRC) DEMAND FOR INFORMATION AND REPORTING DAMAGED DEVICES CONTAINING RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

Ref: (a) Ltr Ser N455/9U158700 of 27 Jan 09

1. Per reference (a), acknowledge CNIC reporting requirements to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for potential tritium exit signs at our shore installations.

2. CNIC understands the importance of providing accurate information regarding this matter and has initiated the following action:

a. Report on possession of tritiated exit signs. Confirmation will involve physical inventory of existing signs installed or stored in buildings that are owned, leased or occupied by CNIC host installation or tenant commands.

b. Report on disposal records of tritiated exit signs. This report will include an accounting of proper disposal and an explanation of discrepancies and actions taken to locate missing signs and prevent future losses.

3. In addition, CNIC will establish policy for Region and Installation Commanders to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements for devices containing radioactive material.

4. Accomplishment of this plan of action will require a significant undertaking involving over 70,000 buildings on 72 shore installations worldwide providing on- and off-base facilities to thousands of tenant activities and hundreds of

thousands of personnel. To ensure complete and accurate reporting, CNIC anticipates a 2 year (24-month) requirement to meet the USNRC reporting timeframes provided in reference (a).

5. My point of contact on this matter is Rick Maiello, Deputy, Special Assistant for Safety. He may be reached via e-mail at Richard.Maiello@navy.mil or telephone at (202) 433-4785.

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