



February 11, 2011

Materials Licensing Branch  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region III  
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210  
Lisle, IL 60532-4352

To Whom It May Concern:

We respectfully request to amend Item 11 of Western Michigan University's (WMU) licenses 21-03336-09 and 21-03336-10, to designate a change of our Radiation Safety Officer.

Please change our licenses to designate our Radiation Safety Officer as John G. Center, Jr. John assumed the responsibilities as our full-time Radiation Safety Officer effective January 7, 2011. He brings experience and training that will enable us to continue to safely conduct our current programs and build for the future.

A summary of Mr. Center's training and experience is enclosed as Attachment A. Our Delegation of Authority for Radiation Safety Officer memo to the University community, dated January 17, 2011 is enclosed as Attachment B.

Please do not hesitate to contact either John at 269-387-5933 or me for further information or if you have any questions regarding the information presented in this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paula D. Kohler'.

Paula D. Kohler, Ph.D.  
Associate Vice President for Research  
Executive Manager, Radiation Safety

cc: Daniel M. Litynski, Ph.D., Vice President for Research

## ATTACHMENT A

### Summary of John G. Center's Training and Experience for Radiation Safety Officer Western Michigan University License #s 21-03336-09 and 21-03336-10

| Dates             | Facility   | Training and Experience   |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Dec 2010          | Nevada<br>Technical<br>Associates, Inc.                      | <b>Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)</b> training course consisting of 40 hours of classroom and practical training on fundamental principles of radiation, licensing requirements, transportation and security, instrumentation, and more.  |
| Nov - Dec<br>2010 | Western<br>Michigan<br>University                            | <b>Assistant Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)</b> under the supervision of James F. Center, licensed RSO. Coordinated routine radiation safety duties such as surveys and training; conducted a turnover audit to ensure all details addressed during transition to new RSO; drafted a number of procedures, policies, and guidelines for use and handling of licensed material.  |
| 2009              | Western<br>Michigan<br>University                            | <b>Completed WMU's Authorized User</b> training program. This 40 hour course of training consisting of classroom and practical application of radiation safety fundamentals, including site specific use of all procedures and policies that govern the safe use of licensed material at the University.  |
| 2008              | Western<br>Michigan<br>University                            | <b>Completed WMU's Basic User</b> training program. This 8 hour course of training consisting of classroom and practical application of radiation safety fundamentals, including site specific use of all procedures and policies that govern the safe use of licensed material at the University.  |
| 1992 –<br>1994    | U.S. Navy,<br>USS Abraham<br>Lincoln, CVN-72                 | <b>Reactor Mechanical Operator</b> responsible for the implementation, evaluation, and improvement of the ship's nuclear training program. As a qualified Mechanical Operator, Mr. Center was accountable for the radiological controls, training of junior personnel, and oversaw the routine and casualty operations (including acting as on-scene leader for radiological spills and contaminated persons), and corrective and preventative maintenance programs.  |
| 1990 –<br>1992    | U.S. Navy,<br>Naval Nuclear<br>Power School<br>and Prototype | <b>Student</b> One year of classroom (theoretical) and on-the-job (practical) training in the maintenance, operation, and safe conduct, radiologically and environmentally, of a nuclear power propulsion and electrical generation plant. Additional time was spent assigned to temporary duties, such as Leading Petty Officer of the Navy Legal Service Office Detachment in Orlando, Fl allowing him to read and understand legal documents, the Code of Federal Regulations and United States Code, in addition to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. |

# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



Office of the Vice President for Research

17 January 2011

## MEMORANDUM

**THRU** John M. Dunn, President  
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Diane K. Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs

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**FROM:** Daniel M. Litynski, Vice President for Research

**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Authority to the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

1. Reference: Western Michigan University Radiation Safety Policy, Rev. 3, 07/04/07, <http://www.wmich.edu/research/pdf/compliance/radiation/radiation-safety.pdf>.
2. Mr. John G. Center, Jr. has been appointed Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and is hereby delegated the authority necessary to meet these responsibilities.
3. The RSO reports to the Associate Vice President for Research and is responsible for the development, maintenance, and enforcement of the WMU Radiation Safety Program. This includes but is not limited to: a) ensuring compliance with regulations and safety in the use of radioactive byproduct material, b) managing the radiation safety program, c) identifying radiation safety problems, d) initiating, recommending, or providing corrective actions, and e) verifying implementation of corrective actions.
4. The RSO has the authority to alter, modify, suspend, or terminate any use of licensed or registered material that in his judgment is a threat to health, safety, environment, or a violation of any rules, regulations, or conditions of the license or registrations issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that govern our use of such material.

*Daniel M. Litynski*

Daniel M. Litynski, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Research

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**CF:** Paula D. Kohler, Associate Vice President for Research  
John G. Center, Jr., Radiation Safety Officer

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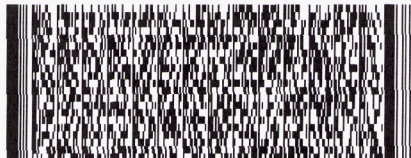
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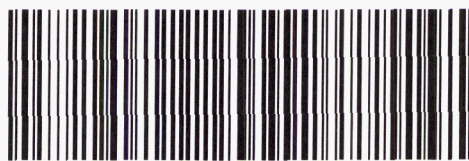
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