

July 27, 2012

Mr. Thomas J. Seif, Health Physicist  
PRND Program Manager  
IEMA Bureau of Environmental Radiation Safety  
1301 Knotts Street  
Springfield, IL 62704

Dear Mr. Seif:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your e-mail of June 22, 2012, requesting a fee waiver under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 170.11 for homeland security training conducted by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA).

The NRC has established regulations for the granting of fee exemptions under 10 CFR 170.11, "Exemptions," for which licensees may apply in accordance with 10 CFR 170.5, "Communications." The NRC has reviewed your request based on the following requirement:

- 10 CFR 170.11 Exemptions, (b) The Commission may, upon application by an interested person, or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of this part as it determines are authorized by law and are otherwise in the public interest. Applications for exemption under this paragraph may include activities such as, but not limited to, the use of licensed materials for educational or noncommercial public displays or scientific collections. The NRC acknowledges the IEMA plans to perform homeland security training in August 2012, at the Rock Island (Illinois) Arsenal, as a result of Region III's approval of the reciprocity based on exclusive federal jurisdiction of the training location. The NRC notes this training is for first responders from Illinois and neighboring Iowa, and IEMA will use a number of sealed radioactive sources during the training. The IEMA's homeland security training meets the requirement of granting an exemption in the interest of the public because it is designed to improve the response time for first responders. This training also compliments the NRC's mission by promoting common defense and security in relation to the licensing and regulation of the civilian use of licensed materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety.

The NRC concludes the IEMA's homeland security training meets the regulations as required under 10 CFR 170.11(b); therefore, your fee exemption request is granted.

T. Seif

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If you have any technical questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. James Lynch, Region III, at 630-829-9661. Please contact Ms. Arlette Howard, of my staff, at 301-415-1481, for any fee-related questions.

Sincerely,

*/RA/*

J. E. Dyer  
Chief Financial Officer

T. Seif

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**Date:** Wednesday, July 25, 2012 12:23:59 PM

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Marv,

Per our conversation, see below to clear letter.

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**From:** Howard, Arlette  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2012 12:23 PM  
**To:** Hudson, Sharon  
**Cc:** Lynch, James  
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Sharon,

James approval of the letter listed below.

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**From:** Lynch, James  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2012 12:27 AM  
**To:** Howard, Arlette  
**Cc:** Mattingley, Joel  
**Subject:** RE: SEIFexemption.docx

Arlette,

The letter is fine. Our approval of this training will result in better response to dirty bombs, and other radiological hazards, by State and local first responders, including police and fire departments.

Thank you for helping with this effort.

-Jim

Jim Lynch  
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**From:** Howard, Arlette  
**Sent:** Monday, July 23, 2012 1:30 PM  
**To:** Lynch, James  
**Cc:** Mattingley, Joel  
**Subject:** SEIFexemption.docx

Hello James,