



Homeland Security

November 8, 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dennis Lawyer

FROM: Patrick Moylan, Location Radiation Protection Officer

SUBJECT: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspection.

Mr. Lawyer in your email concerning your Plum Island Animal Disease Center (PIADC) inspection on November 6, 2013 you raised three questions/concerns:

1. Action to prevent reoccurrence of not performing training to users in the three year frequency.
2. If you are performing ancillary training in your initial employee training: please send slides.
3. Information associated with the storage/burial in the turret of Battery Floyd. Information of: concentration of radioactivity; total quantity of radioactivity; cause of why it was buried there in the first place (authorized?). If you have a general report that explains the history and the decontamination would be helpful.

In response to those questions/concerns we are taking the following actions:

1. The action to prevent a recurrence of training lapses will be addressed by the adapting the LRPO yearly audit format. We will create a format that will include identifying those with expiring training in the next year. The person(s) will be notified of the expiration date and the training will be scheduled. Currently all personnel were trained in April 2013 and all new people are trained upon arrival. This item will be closed upon the new LRPO Audit format created and approved.

Target date for completion: December 31, 2013.

2. We do currently provide training for ancillary workers in addition to the firefighter specific training which you have seen. I have attached three files of different orientation training that we provide to all people who enter Laboratory Building 101. I have included only the relevant pages due to the size of the entire file but if needed, I can supply the entire file. There is different orientation training based on the expected activities of the individual being trained. So ancillary personnel are trained initially by viewing the appropriate attached orientation training.

We are committing to adapting our current "Select Agent Refresher Training" to ensure an annual refresher of the appropriate ancillary worker refresher training slides.

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3. I have attached the final report for the Turret Remediation Project which includes all of the information you requested. There was a prior policy at PIADC of not allowing any waste to leave the island for fear of causing the spread of foreign animal diseases on the mainland. This policy was changed in 1991. A subsequent review of past practices found this material and disposed of it properly. The final report was broken down into six files to keep the file size manageable.

Please contact me should there be any further documents needed or questions that you have.

cc:

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