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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF A PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE
CALL WITH PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
REGARDING PHYSICAL SECURITY IN THE RENEWAL
OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS LICENSE SNM-95

DATE OF MEETING:

Tuesday, February 4, 2014
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM (eastern)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the call was for the staff at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to discuss their expectations of the topics that need to be addressed in a renewal application.

BACKGROUND:

By a letter dated September 23, 2013, the licensee submitted an application to renew special nuclear materials (SNM) license SNM-95, thus meeting the requirement for a timely renewal. During the acceptance of the application, the NRC staff found that the submittal lacked sufficient information in the areas of chemical safety, fire safety, and physical security, to begin a technical review; the NRC staff issued a letter dated November 18, 2013, informing the licensee as such.

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