

February 20, 2014

NOTE

FROM: Christopher Ryder, Licensing Project Manager

SUBJECT: Revised Application to Use SNM at an Alternate Location

Date and Time

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM (eastern)

Participants

<u>NRC</u>	<u>Pennsylvania State University</u>
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Notes

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Discussion

During a pre-application conference call (Ref. 1) about the expectations of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for the topics to be addressed in a revised application to renew special nuclear materials (SNM) license SNM-95, the NRC staff noticed that an amendment request (Ref. 2) had a common element. Both applications made reference to a licensee-committee, namely, the University Isotope Committee (UIC), to decide alternate locations and uses of SNM without prior approval from NRC. The NRC staff asked the licensee to consider resubmitting the amendment request (Ref. 2) without the aspect of the UIC; instead, the UIC would be thoroughly discussed in the renewal application.

The December 18, 2013, version of the amendment request (Ref. 2) lacks a discussion about the UIC. Lacking such discussion, the NRC would not accept the amendment request for a detailed technical review.

The NRC staff also notified the licensee that when SNM is moved to another location that is not on the current license, the licensee will need to address emergency preparedness in the alternate locations.

Follow-Up Actions

The licensee intends to resubmit the subject application (Ref. 2), without the aspects of the UIC. Instead, the UIC would be discussed in a revised renewal application. The NRC requested that a revision to the amendment request state that the revision replaces the submittal dated December 18, 2013.

The NRC staff requested an advanced copy of the revised application be sent by e-mail to begin the review while the submittal is docketed. The licensee submits correspondence as letter sent by mail. Submittals made by mail can take several weeks longer to docket than electronic submittals.

References

1. Memorandum to R. Johnson, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Pennsylvania State University: Summary Of A Pre-Application Conference Call Regarding Chemical Safety And Fire Safety In The Renewal Of Special Nuclear Materials License SNM-95", February 20, 2014. ADAMS accession number ML14043A278.
2. Letter from J. Leavey, Pennsylvania State University, "License Amendment Request For License SNM-95", December 18, 2013. ADAMS accession number ML14007A135.