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ACCEPTANCE TO THE MARSSIM COURSE (H-121) AUGUST 11-15, 2014  
(FSME-14-056)

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If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at 301-415-3340 or the individual named below:

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MULTI-AGENCY RADIATION SURVEY AND SITE  
 INVESTIGATION MANUAL (MARSSIM) (H-121)  
 AUGUST 11-15, 2014  
 ROCKVILLE, MD

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

**ACCEPTANCE:** This is to advise you that those individuals in Enclosure (1) have been accepted for participation in the training course (H-121) Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM). This course is scheduled to be presented at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Professional Development Center (PDC) August 11-15, 2014. The PDC is located at our new 3 White Flint North Building which is situated across Marinelli Road from One White Flint North between the White Flint Metro station entrance and the Metro parking garage. The address for the new building is 11601 Landsdown Street, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Please allow sufficient time to process through security upon arrival. You will be required to show proof of identification when you arrive. After you have gone through security, you will be escorted by an NRC employee to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor where the training will be held.

**COURSE:** This course will be conducted beginning at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. each day except for Friday August 15, 2014, when the class is scheduled to end at 12:00 noon. A tentative outline for the course (Enclosure 3) is attached. Cellular phones and similar devices with audible capability should be disabled while classes are in session. Students should bring an engineering or scientific calculator with them. Normal business attire is appropriate for students attending NRC sponsored courses.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Rental cars will not be authorized. Please note that the course location is metro accessible, directly on the Red Line at White Flint Metro Station. For your convenience, we suggest that you stay at a hotel that is on the metro line. Please note that reimbursement is authorized for transportation to and from the airport only. If you plan to drive, the Federal mileage reimbursement is 56 cents per mile.

**LODGING AND TRAVEL:** Plan to arrive on Sunday, August 10, 2014, and depart on Friday, August 15, 2014. Participants must make their own lodging and travel arrangements. The per diem for the area is 167/71/238. This means lodging/meals/not to exceed total. Individuals should request the government rate at the hotels. If traveling by air, please contact Carlson Travel at 1-800-453-8396 for airline reservations and complete the new Travel Application Form which is located at [http://nrc-stp.ornl.gov/special/travel\\_form.pdf](http://nrc-stp.ornl.gov/special/travel_form.pdf). This form should be fully completed and submitted to [ASTrainingandtravel.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:ASTrainingandtravel.Resource@nrc.gov). A copy of the travel instructions and voucher for reimbursement may also be obtained at this Web site. If you have any questions regarding the travel form please contact Marcia Casby at 301-415-6525.

Below are a number of hotels in the area:

**Hyatt Hotel**

One Bethesda Metro Center  
Bethesda, MD  
(301) 657-1234  
1-800-233-1234

Near Bethesda Metro Station

**Residence Inn**

7335 Wisconsin Ave.  
Bethesda, MD  
(301) 718-0200  
1-800-331-3131

Across from Bethesda Metro Station

**Bethesda North Marriott Hotel**

5701 Marinelli Rd.  
Rockville, Maryland  
(301) 984-0004  
1-800-859-8003

Most conveniently located, across from the  
NRCs PDC

**Ramada Inn**

1775 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD  
(301) 881-2300  
1-800-255-1775

Four Metro Stops from NRCs PDC

**Embassy Suites at Chevy Chase Pavilion**

4300 Military Rd., NW  
Washington, DC  
(202) 362-9300  
1-800-362-2779

One Metro Stop from NRCs PDC

**Hilton Hotel**

1750 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD  
(301) 468-1100  
1-800-222-8733

Four Metro Stops from NRCs PDC

Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) (H-121)  
Tentative Schedule  
August 11-15, 2014

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>Monday</b>	8:15 AM	Welcome, Registration, Orientation
	9:30 AM	Introduction
	10:00 AM	MARSSIM Overview
	12:00 Noon	Lunch
	1:00 PM	MARSSIM Overview Cont'd
	3:00 PM	Selection And Application of DCGLS
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:15 AM	Decommissioning and Decontamination, RESRAD, RESRAD Build, VSP
	10:00 AM	Problem Session: DCGLS
	12:00 Noon	Lunch
	1:00 PM	Area Classification by Contamination Potential & Identification of Survey Units
	2:30 PM	Selection of Background Reference Areas
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:15 AM	Electronic Resources
	9:00 AM	Overview of Radiological Survey Types in Support of Decommissioning-Historical Site Assessment Process, Scoping, Characterization, Final Status Surveys
	10:00 AM	Detection Sensitivity of Survey Instrumentation-Static and Scan MDCS
	12:00 Noon	Lunch
	1:00 PM	Statistical Design of Final Status Survey- Wilcoxon Rank Sum and Sign Tests; Hot Spot Considerations; Determining Survey Unit Locations
3:00 PM	Integrated Final Status Survey	
<b>Thursday</b>	8:15 AM	Class Exercise: Statistical Survey Design Examples
	10:30 AM	The MARSAME and Triad Methodologies Frame
	12:00 Noon	Lunch
	1:00 PM	Data Quality Assessment - Evaluating an Example Set
	3:00 PM	Data Quality Assessment - Performing Statistical Tests and Elevated Measurement Comparisons; Power Curves
<b>Friday</b>	8:15 AM	Indistinguishable From Background
	10:30 AM	Final Survey Reports
	11:00 AM	Summary: Taking Advantage of Flexibility Offered by MARSSIM
	11:30 AM	Critique/Course Evaluation
	12:00 Noon	Adjourn

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