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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 23 PUBLIC MEETING/WEBINAR TO
DISCUSS CATEGORY 3 SOURCE SECURITY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY

On February 23, 2017, a public meeting/webinar was held at the Omni Parker House in Boston, Massachusetts. Two meeting sessions were originally scheduled; however, due to the lack of attendance, the second session was cancelled. The purpose of the public meeting/webinar was to solicit comments on questions published in a *Federal Register* Notice (FRN) (82 FR 2399), with subsequent correction (83 FR 4938), related to whether it is necessary to revise NRC regulations or processes governing source protection and accountability for Category 3 sources. The questions were used to facilitate discussion during the public meeting/webinar. The feedback received during the public meeting/webinar will be used to inform NRC's evaluation and recommendations, the results which will be documented in a notation vote paper that will be submitted to the Commission in August 2017.

The NRC staff began the public meeting/webinar with information regarding how to submit comments in response to the questions in the FRN, which was published on January 9, 2017. Then, NRC staff provided some background on the activities that led to the evaluation of whether it is necessary to revise NRC regulations or processes governing Category 3 source protection and accountability, the formation of the NRC/Agreement State Category 3 Source Security and Accountability Working Group, and the activities to be completed by that group. The charter for the working group is available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML17010A017. The NRC staff also discussed the security and accountability enhancements under consideration and provided a

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brief explanation of the information technology systems involved in supporting source tracking and license verification functions (National Source Tracking System [NSTS], Web-Based Licensing System [WBL], and License Verification System [LVS]). The NRC staff then moved to the comment portion of the meeting and solicited feedback on each of the 22 questions listed in the FRN. Participants asked questions on the meaning of “safety” in the context of the FRN questions posed and if there were time studies for current NSTS users. Comments provided during the meeting included the possible reporting timeline of Category 3 sources in NSTS, the approximate number of state licenses, whether or not the state would encourage the use of LVS with their licensees, whether or not the state would voluntarily provide their Category 3 licenses to facilitate license verification, and the estimate of additional burden by the state to handle additional tracking of Category 3 sources and license verification of licenses authorizing Category 3 quantities of radioactive material.

There were 20 participants in the public meeting and webinar. Participants represented members of the public, NRC and Agreement State licensees, Agreement States, another Federal agency, and the NRC. A list of meeting attendees and the meeting agenda are attached.

Staff closed out the meeting by reminding participants that the comment period for the FRN closes on March 10, 2017, and that additional public meetings and webinars would be held during the comment period to facilitate feedback.

The transcripts for these meetings are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML17079A131 and ML17080A113. The slides are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17055B822. A direct link to the transcripts and slides are also available on the Category 3 Source Security and Accountability Re-Evaluation Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/security/byproduct/category-3-source-security-accountability-reevaluation.html>.

Enclosures:

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Meeting Attendees

Public Meeting/Webinar on Category 3 Source Security and
Accountability Re-Evaluation
February 23, 2017
Omni Parker House
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. EST

	Name	Organization
1	Daniel Collins	NRC
2	Duncan White ⁺	NRC
3	Irene Wu ⁺	NRC
4	George Smith	NRC
5	Carrie Crawford	NRC
6	Jack Priest	Massachusetts Department of Public Health
7	Josh Daehler	Massachusetts Department of Public Health
8	Joe Altman	Federal Bureau of Investigation
9	Sabrina Atack [*]	NRC
10	Linda Eusebio [*]	NRC
11	Sherrie Flaherty ^{**}	Minnesota Department of Health
12	Stan Hampton [*]	Eli Lilly and Company
13	Lisa London ^{**}	NRC
14	Steven Marsh [*]	Baystate Health
15	Bruce Packard [*]	Massachusetts Department of Public Health
16	Ernesto Quinones ^{**}	NRC
17	Jack Tway [*]	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
18	Duane White [*]	NRC
19	Camille Zozula [*]	Westinghouse Electric Company
20	Mike Welling [*]	University of Virginia

* participated via webinar

+ member of the Category 3 Source Security and Accountability Working Group

Meeting Agenda

Category 3 Source Security and Accountability Public Meeting and Webinar

February 23, 2017, 03:00 PM to 05:00 PM

February 23, 2017, 06:00 PM to 08:00 PM

The Omni Parker House

60 School Street

Boston, MA

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
3:00 - 5:00 pm EST	Category 3 Source Security and Accountability Public Meeting and Webinar	NRC
6:00 - 8:00 pm EST	Category 3 Source Security and Accountability Public Meeting and Webinar	NRC