

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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May 25, 2018

Andrew N. Boldt, PE, PMP President Tetra Tech EC, Inc. 1000 American Road Morris Plains, NJ 07950

SUBJECT:

TETRA TECH EC, INC., ACCEPTANCE OF NOTIFICATION OF INITIATING

ACTIVITIES AT A TEMPORARY JOB SITE, MAIL CONTROL NO. 608805

Dear Mr. Boldt:

This is in reference to the request dated May 21, 2018, requesting relief from the 14 days prior notice to the NRC, as required by Condition 18 of the above license. You requested this in order to perform work for the Navy from May 29 through June 1 at the site of a helicopter crash that includes both hazardous materials and two missing licensed radioactive sources from the IBIS system. In accordance with Condition 18, the request by email is accepted as the required notification. Work near the Naval Air Facility in El Centro, California may be performed without the 14-day prior notice normally required under Condition 18.

We note, however, that this crash occurred on April 5, and the Navy reported it to the NRC on April 11, with updates April 12 and 18. We understand that the Navy performed initial activities prior to requesting outside assistance. Based on the May 20 email from the Radiation Safety Officer, we understand that your cost and schedule for the job were accepted by the Navy on May 3, and that you then had to prepare the specific survey plan along with the hazard and safety assessment for Navy approval. We would prefer to be notified at the time of the acceptance or the proposed survey plan if such a short time frame is expected. If dates and plans are likely to change, that should be stated in the notification so that we can keep the action open until dates are confirmed. Requests for relief from the 14-day prior notice require that work for other licensees be interrupted, and should not become routine.

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Please note that, in a true emergency, Condition 17 may provide some relief from Condition 18. You should review the conditions of your license if circumstances in the future appear to require relief from the 14-day prior notification.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Betsy Ullrich, Senior Health Physicist

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Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Region I

License No. 29-31396-01 Docket No. 030-38199 Mail Control No. 608805

cc: Steven Adams, Radiation Safety Officer

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CC: Steven Adams, Radiation Safety Officer

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