

MEMORANDUM FOR: Roy J. Caniano, Chief
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Region III

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SUBJECT: LICENSE REVIEW AND MAINTENANCE FOR BATTELLE-COLUMBUS

In discussions between members of our two branches, it has been agreed that in view of the significantly reduced operations involving special nuclear material (SNM) at Battelle Memorial Institute (BMI), it would be more appropriate to split up BMI's existing License SNM-7 into three separate licenses. The three licenses would be (1) a broad scope license, (2) a radiography license, and (3) an SNM and decommissioning license. It was further agreed that Region III would be the appropriate NRC organizational unit to issue and maintain all three licenses.

BMI has recently submitted a license renewal application in connection with its existing SNM-7 license, and such submittal calls for a maximum authorized SNM possession of less than 350 grams. If three separate licenses are to be issued, it would be desirable, from both BMI's and NRC's standpoint, to do so as an output action to the current renewal application, as opposed to reissuing License SNM-7 and then requiring BMI to submit three new license applications. Accordingly, we are hereby transferring all NRC licensing review and maintenance responsibilities associated with BMI from NMSS to Region III.

A copy of BMI's license renewal package has already been forwarded to John Madera of your staff.

/s/
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