



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**U.S. ARMY COMBAT CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMAND**  
**ARMY RESEARCH LABORATORY**  
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April 20, 2020

MEMORANDUM THRU Ms. Betsy Ulrich, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I, 2100 Renaissance Blvd., King of Prussia, PA 19406-2713

FOR Document Control Desk U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Request for Pandemic Exemption (NRC License Nos. 19-12056-02/Docket No. 030-04555 and SMB-141/Docket No. 040-06394)

1. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, Department of the Army, Combat Capabilities Development Command-Army Research Laboratory (CCDC-ARL) hereby requests temporary exemption to the regulatory requirement to conduct monthly onsite radiation surveys and quarterly radioactive source physical inventories and performance of leakage tests [10 CFR 20.1501 and 10 CFR 39.35].
2. Approval of the proposed exemption is requested for the time-period of 16 March 2020 to 15 June 2020, which would allow for an exemption in the above requirement to conduct monthly onsite regulatory compliance surveys, radioactive source inventories and leakage tests due to access restrictions to CCDC-ARL Facilities.
3. JUSTIFICATION: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, access to CCDC-ARL work sites has been restricted to mission essential personnel only (authorized users of licensed radioactive material are not mission essential). The CCDC-ARL RSO suspended all work at the CCDC-ARL that would involve active handling of licensed radioactive material, effective 7 April 2020 (see enclosure). All radioactive source material has been secured while not in use. The suspension will remain in effect until further notice and may be lifted when a determination has been made allowing authorized users of licensed radioactive material to return to their work sites and continue normal operations.

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4. The point of contact for this action is Daniel S. Hamilton CCDC-ARL-APG. Mr. Hamilton can be reached on, 410-278-5699, or by email at [daniel.s.hamilton.civ@mail.mil](mailto:daniel.s.hamilton.civ@mail.mil).

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