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INFORMATION AND SEMINAR REGARDING TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION MATERIALS LICENSEES SUBJECT TO 10 CFR PARTS 30 AND 34 REGULATIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (STC-20-033)

Purpose: To provide information about: 1) the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) consideration of temporary exemptions for materials licensees subject to Title 10 Code of *Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Parts 30 and 34; and 2) an April 23, 2020, seminar to discuss how NRC licensees can request temporary regulatory relief during the COVID-19 public health emergency through submission of certain exemption requests.

Background: On April 7, 2020, the NRC issued a letter (ADAMS Accession No. ML20094G166) to all materials licensees providing information about regulatory options for obtaining relief from NRC requirements during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Public Health Emergency (PHE). As a follow-up to this information, the NRC intends to hold a public meeting on April 23, and provide exemption information to materials licensees, as noted in this letter.

Discussion: This correspondence provides the temporary exemption template letter being used by the NRC staff to grant exemptions for its 10 CFR Part 30 and 34 licensees. Also included are two spreadsheets with specific temporary exemptions that the NRC staff has evaluated and determined would be appropriate given the current PHE caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, if a licensee's circumstances warrant. These spreadsheets provide standardized language to maintain consistency that regulators may use. Please note that materials licensees need to provide a basis as to why they need these exemptions prior to the regulator granting them. The NRC will consider these requests for relief on a case-by-case basis. The spreadsheets include examples of safety bases that would be deemed acceptable. The regulations in the spreadsheets are the only ones the staff have evaluated at this time. Please note these spreadsheets will likely be updated with more regulations. The NRC staff will post updates to the spreadsheets with the "Questions and Answers Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic" in the password protected Materials Security Toolbox.

The seminar will take place on April 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EDT. The public meeting notice on the NRC website (<https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg?do=details&Code=20200419>) includes the latest agenda for the meeting and information to register and participate in the seminar. The NRC staff would like to hear from radioactive material licensees regarding the types of exemptions they may need during the ongoing public health emergency.

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Enclosures:

1. Template for Temporary Exemptions
for Materials Licensees Due to
the COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. Temporary Exemptions
for Materials Licensees Subject to
10 CFR Part 30 Regulation
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
3. Temporary Exemptions
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