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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR REVIEW OF THE
DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR
PART 71 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PACKAGING AND
TRANSPORTATION OF FISSILE MATERIAL APPROVAL

Dear Sherry Davis:

By letter dated March 22, 2022 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML22108A070), the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) submitted an application for approval of an amended quality assurance (QA) program under Title 10, *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 71. The request is for approval of DTRA's QA program to support shipping radioactive material under the 10 CFR Part 71 general license provisions.

In connection with our review, we need the information identified in the enclosure to this letter. To assist us in scheduling the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's review of your response, we request that you provide this information 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. Inform us at your earliest convenience, but no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, if you are not able to provide the information by that time frame. If you are unable to provide a response by November 16, 2022, our review may be delayed.

Please reference Docket No. 71-0958 in future correspondence related to this request. The staff is available to clarify these questions, and, if necessary, to meet and discuss your proposed responses.


In accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this communication will be available electronically available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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If you have any questions regarding this review, you may contact me at Tomeka.Terry@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Signed by Terry, Tomeka
on 10/07/22

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Docket No.: 71-0958

Enclosure:

Request for Additional Information



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Request for Additional Information
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Docket No. 71-0958
Part 71 Quality Assurance Program

This request for additional information (RAI) identifies information needed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff in connection with its review of the application. The requested information is listed by the section number in the quality assurance program (QAP) application.

The individual RAI describes information needed by the staff for it to complete its review of the application and to determine whether the applicant has demonstrated compliance with the regulatory requirements of Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 71.

Section 3.2 Quality Assurance Organization

- 3.2-1 In order to meet 10 CFR 71.103, the quality assurance organization must have organizational freedom and independence from cost and schedule. Please explain how the quality assurance (QA) Inspector is sufficiently independent from cost and schedule given this position reports to the same organizational management as the Quality Control Technician as described in the current QAP organizational chart as part of your Defense Threat Reduction Agency Instruction 4540.01 Quality Assurance Program for Shipping Special Nuclear Material.

This information is needed to determine compliance with 10 CFR 71.103.

Sherry J. Davis, Director, ESOH Dept., Acquisition, Finance, & Logistics, Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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