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SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION MANUAL CHAPTER 1248,
“QUALIFICATION PROGRAMS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE
MATERIALS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PROGRAMS”

Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 1248, “Qualification Programs for Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs,” was published on April 19, 2013. IMC 1248 establishes the Office of Federal State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) qualification. The publication of IMC 1248 separates FSME’s qualification requirements and journals that were previously under the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) IMC 1246.

IMC 1248, (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) number ML12240A129), was published with nine qualification journals. Seven of the qualification journals were transferred from IMC 1246 with no changes. The qualification journals for Materials Health Physics License Reviewers (IMC 1248, Appendix A, ML12240A131) and Materials Health Physics Inspector (IMC 1248, Appendix B, ML12240A135) were completely revised. IMC 1248 has been posted on the NRC’s public web site at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/insp-manual/manual-chapter/>

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Staff currently in the process of qualifying under IMC 1246 must transition to IMC 1248 and complete their qualification under the new program. This decision was made due to significant changes to the materials program since the qualification journals were last published in 2001. Some examples of those changes include Pre-Licensing Guidance, Web Based Licensing, and the publication of 10 CFR Part 37, "Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 Quantities of Radioactive Material."

Staff who qualified under previous requirements, including IMC-1246, shall remain qualified, but must complete any new required classroom training requirements in their discipline within 3 years from the date of the revision.

The new required classroom training for Appendix A and Appendix B are as follows:

New classroom training for Appendix A, Materials Health Physics License Reviewer, includes:

1. Site Access Training (H-100) or Site Access Refresher Training (H-101)
2. NRC Materials Control & Security Systems & Principles (S-201)

New classroom training for Appendix B, Materials Health Physics Inspector, includes:

1. Site Access Training (H-100) or Site Access Refresher Training (H-101)
2. NRC Materials Control & Security Systems & Principles (S-201)
3. Gathering Information for Inspectors Through Interviews

Staff who may have previously taken NMSS Radiation Worker Training (H-102) will receive credit for the Site Access Training (H-100).

Please submit a report indicating staff completion of the new classroom training by April 30, 2016.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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The new required classroom training for Appendix A and Appendix B are as follows:

New classroom training for Appendix A, Materials Health Physics License Reviewer, includes:

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2. NRC Materials Control & Security Systems & Principles (S-201)

New classroom training for Appendix B, Materials Health Physics Inspector, includes:

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