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Attached is an advanced copy of a letter we are sending to you re: SOP 4 (NHPP inspector/permit reviewer training).

We have removed paragraph 7.b.(2) from the earlier proposed revision to SOP 4.

We will be sending by UPS.

As allowed by our processes, I signed for Craig who is on travel; however, we have been in communication and he has reviewed/approved the change.

If I can help expedite things by faxing this letter, I am happy to oblige—just let me know number to send to.

Thanks,
Tom

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Division of Nuclear Material Safety
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Re: NRC License No. 03-23853-01VA

Dear Mr. Null:

On June 25, 2015, we sent you a letter requesting an amendment to the referenced license to revise Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 4 for training of our inspectors and permit reviewers. After further discussion with you, we propose to modify section 7 in the version of SOP 4 submitted June 25, 2015, by removing paragraph 7.b.(2).

The proposed revision to section 7 of SOP 4 is provided in the attachment to this letter and is consistent with earlier approval given by the National Radiation Safety Committee at its meeting on May 6, 2015.

If this amendment is approved, we will merge the attached change with the June 25, 2015, version of SOP 4 and issue the procedure in a finalized format.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 501-257-1571.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig L. Adams".

Craig L. Adams, MPH
Director

Enclosure

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Proposed Revision for Section 7 of SOP 4

Note: This proposed revision replaces the June 25, 2015, version for section 7. Other sections of the proposed, revised procedure would be retained as provided in the June 25, 2015, letter to NRC.

7. PROCEDURES – EQUIVALENT TRAINING

a. Equivalent training based on professional board certifications.

(1) For NRC Course H-201 (Health Physics Technology), certification by the American Board of Health Physics may be accepted as a basis for equivalent training.

(2) For NRC course H-304 (Diagnostic and Therapeutic Nuclear Medicine), certification by the American Board of Radiology for the Diagnostic Radiologic Physics, Nuclear Medical Physics, or Therapeutic Medical Physics Specialty may be accepted as a basis for equivalent training.

(3) For NRC Course H-313 (Brachytherapy, Gamma Knife, and Emerging Technologies), certification by the American Board of Radiology for the Diagnostic Radiologic Physics, Nuclear Medical Physics, or Therapeutic Medical Physics Specialty may be accepted as a basis for equivalent training.

b. Equivalent training based on successful completion of vendor-provided courses.

(1) For NRC Course G-205 (Root Cause Workshop), successful completion of the 2-day "TapRoot® Incident Investigation and Root Cause Analysis Course®" taught by System Improvements, Inc., may be accepted as a basis for equivalent training.

(2) For NRC Course H-308 (Transportation of Radioactive Materials), successful completion of the "Transportation and Packaging of Radioactive Materials" course taught by Nevada Technical Associates, Inc., may be accepted as a basis for equivalent training.