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You would not be required to perform more than one check per day. The check is performed to demonstrate constancy from one 24 hour period to another. It is acceptable for you to consider the arrival of the early technologist as the beginning of the day, and for you to perform the constancy checks at that time.

Sincerely,



Bruce S. Mallett, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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