

**From:** [Amber Johnson](#)  
**To:** [DeSouza, Michele](#)  
**Cc:** [Montgomery, Cindy](#)  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] Re: Re: Part 55 phone discussion  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:19:57 PM  
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Hi Michele and Cindy,  
It worked! The form was submitted.  
Thanks for your help!!  
Amber

On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 1:55 PM DeSouza, Michele <[Michele.DeSouza@nrc.gov](mailto:Michele.DeSouza@nrc.gov)> wrote:

Amber,

Please try again and let us know if it works. Technical folks got in contact with the developer and there was something down but should be ok now. I just worked for me.

We really appreciate you letting us know that it was not working.

Thank you,

Michele

**From:** Amber Johnson <[ajohns37@umd.edu](mailto:ajohns37@umd.edu)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:29 PM  
**To:** Montgomery, Cindy <[Cindy.Montgomery@nrc.gov](mailto:Cindy.Montgomery@nrc.gov)>  
**Cc:** DeSouza, Michele <[Michele.DeSouza@nrc.gov](mailto:Michele.DeSouza@nrc.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] Re: Part 55 phone discussion

Hi Cindy and Michele,

So I tried to use the portal today and received an error message.

## **Part 55 Exemption Request for Research and Test Reactors/Non-Power Reactors**

[Current Month and Day]

1. Submitter Name/Title

Amber Johnson/Director

2. Email Address

ajohns37@umd.edu

3. Licensee/Organization

University of Maryland

4. Facility Name

Maryland University Training Reactor

5. Docket Number

50-166

6. Licensee Number

R-70

7. Project Manager

C. Montgomery

8. Need by Date

2020-06-01

9. For a **requelification exemption** check the YES box and provide the requested information in questions 10-16. If you are not filing for a requelification exemption check the NO box and proceed to question 17.

NO

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11. **Requalification Program Requirements:** A request for exemption for operators and senior operators from the requirements in 10 CFR 55.59(a)(1) and in 10 CFR 55.59(a)(2) for the purpose of allowing delay of these requalification program requirements during the COVID-19 PHE;

[11. Requalification Program Requirements:]

12. **Requalification Program Requirements:** A statement that the tests and exam will be provided after the end of the PHE, but before the end of the calendar year (December 31, 2020).

[12. Requalification Program Requirements:]

13. **Requalification Program Requirements:** A statement that the facility licensee has modified or will, prior to the effective date of any exemption that is granted, modify its requalification program so that it will provide for training and evaluations of operator knowledge, skills, and abilities during the time when the biennial written exams and annual operating tests would have been scheduled to occur; and

[13. Requalification Program Requirements:]

14. **Requalification Program Requirements:** a statement that the facility licensee, in conjunction with the training program, will continue to evaluate operator performance in the plant and control room to identify and correct operator performance issues in a timely manner. If such a program does not exist, then provide a statement that the facility licensee will implement, prior to the effective date of any exemption that is granted, a program to evaluate operator performance in the plant and control room to identify and correct operator performance issues in a timely manner.

[14. Requalification Program Requirements:]

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16. If you answered NO to question 15, please state your requalification program schedule:

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17. For a **medical exemption** check the YES box and answer questions 17 and 18. If you are not filing for a medical exemption check the NO box and proceed to question 19.

YES

18. **Medical Requirements:** a request for exemption from 10 CFR 55.21, 55.53(i), and, if applicable, 55.57(a)(6), and the names and docket numbers of the operators and senior operators for whom the exemption is being requested; and

[REDACTED]

19. **Medical Requirements:** a description of the interim compensatory measures that the facility licensee is using to address delay in receipt of recommendations from a licensed physician concerning the operator's health. For example, the facility licensee, in coordination with the operator, might elect to have the operators partially examined, e.g., an assessment of the operator's responses on an ANSI-standard-based questionnaire about medical history without an in-person examination. NOTE: Identify the version (i.e., either 1983, 1996 or 2013) of ANSI/ANS 3.4, "Medical Certification and Monitoring of Personnel Requiring Operator Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants," or ANSI/ANS 15.4, "Selection and Training of Personnel for Research Reactors," that will be used.

An assessment of the operator's responses on an ANSI/ANS 15.4 Selection and Training of Personnel for Research Reactors 2016 based medical history questionnaire will be discussed on a telemedicine appointment with a licensed physician.

20. For a **licensed operator exemption** check the YES and provide the requested information in questions 21-23. If you are not filing for a medical exemption check the NO box.

YES

21. **Licensed Operator Active Status for RTRs Requirements:** A request for exemption from the minimum of four hours per calendar quarter requirement normally needed to maintain active status under 10 CFR 55.53(e);

We request an exemption from the minimum of four hours per calendar quarter requirement normally needed to maintain active status under 10 CFR 55.53(e).

22. **Licensed Operator Active Status for RTRs Requirements:** a description of the alternative measures (e.g., refresher training on operating procedures) being used for the hours under the four-hour minimum of 10 CFR 55.53(e); and

The Director shall certify, and document completion of the measures listed above.

23. **Licensed Operator Active Status for RTRs Requirements:** a statement that an authorized representative of the facility licensee will certify completion of alternative measures.

1. We shall conduct periodic program training lectures totaling up to at least 4 hours per calendar quarter.

a. These trainings shall be in addition to our Requalification Program, and cover topics such as: emergency scenarios, instrumentation and controls systems, reactor theory, radiation safety, auxiliary systems, conduct of operations, and experiments.

b. We will offer these lectures remotely until the PHE is ended. All operators are

required to attend the lectures or watch the recordings.

2. We shall continue to evaluate operator performance in the reactor facility and control room to identify and correct operator performance issues in a timely manner.