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BRP INFORMATION NOTICE 2018-03 NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISORY FOR LICENSEES THAT
POSSESS, USE, SHIP, OR RECEIVE RISK-SIGNIFICANT
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

ADDRESSEES

All Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Specific Licensees that authorize possession of Category 1 and Category 2 quantities of radioactive material within a 50-mile radius of New York City, New York.

PURPOSE

The DEP is issuing this Information Notice (IN) to bring to the attention of PA licensees Security Advisory SA 2018-04 from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This IN is to inform you DHS has designated the 73rd United Nations General Assembly as a National Special Security Event (NSSE).

BACKGROUND

As a prudent precautionary measure, the NRC and DHS are requesting selected licensees who may possess certain risk-significant radioactive materials maintain heightened vigilance for potential security threats during the period surrounding the 73rd United Nations General Assembly event. This event is scheduled to be September 23 – 29, 2018. It should be noted to date, there has been no specific, credible threat toward any licensee of radioactive materials during this period.

DISCUSSION

During the days of the 73rd United Nations General Assembly event, licensees are asked to consider implementing certain security measures to avoid receiving and shipping radionuclides of concern. If a licensee determines that such a shipment must proceed through the area of concern during this period, the Department requests that the licensee notify the Bureau of Radiation Protection of such shipment plans as soon as possible. The Bureau will coordinate with the licensee, NRC, and DHS regarding the possible implementation of supplemental security measures for such shipments. For additional information regarding this NSSE, please review the attached NRC document "Security Advisory for Licensees that Possess, Use, Ship or Receive Risk-Specific Radioactive Materials."

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CONTACT

This Information Notice requires no specific action or response. If you have any questions about the information in this notice, please contact the Radiation Control Division at 717-787-3720.

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Attachment: NRC Security Advisory 2018-04

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**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001**

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**SECURITY ADVISORY FOR LICENSEES
(NRC AND AGREEMENT STATES)
THAT POSSESS, USE, SHIP, OR RECEIVE
RISK-SIGNIFICANT RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS**

SA 2018-04

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL SPECIAL SECURITY EVENT FOR THE 73rd UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are working together to enhance the ability to prevent, protect against, prepare for, and, if necessary, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks during periods of heightened alert.

The Secretary of Homeland Security has designated the 73rd United Nations General Assembly, which will be held in New York City, NY, during September 23–29, 2018, as a national special security event (NSSE). To date, the NRC has received no information concerning a specific, credible threat toward any U.S. nuclear facility or licensed material during this period.

The NRC is advising affected licensees to consider implementing the recommendations of this advisory. This advisory applies to all affected licensees that possess, use, ship, or receive category 1 or category 2 quantities of radioactive material that are listed in Appendix A, "Category 1 and Category 2 Radioactive Materials," of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 37, "Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 Quantities of Radioactive Material."

As a prudent precautionary measure, the NRC is requesting that NRC and Agreement State licensees located within an approximate 80-kilometer (50-mile) radius of the NSSE (area of concern) that possess category 1 or category 2 quantities of radioactive material maintain heightened vigilance for potential security threats during the time period surrounding the 73rd United Nations General Assembly. The NRC recommends that licensees consider implementing elevated protective measures as outlined in Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2018-03, "National Terrorism Advisory System and Protective Measures for the Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 Quantities of Radioactive Material," dated June 1, 2018, as appropriate. Decommissioning Power Reactor and Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations using wet storage should also consider implementing the protective measures outlined in RIS 2002-12C, Revision 1, "Decommissioning Power Reactors and Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations Using Wet Storage—NRC Threat Advisory and Protective Measures System," dated August 24, 2011.

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During the time period surrounding the 73rd United Nations General Assembly, affected licensees are asked to avoid receiving, shipping, or transporting category 1 and category 2 quantities of radioactive material through the area of concern. If a licensee determines that such a shipment or transport must proceed through the area of concern during the specified time period, the NRC requests that the licensee notify the NRC Headquarters Operations Center in advance of such shipment plans as soon as possible. The NRC will inform DHS of any proposed shipments to ensure coordination of these activities and avoid conflict. Coordination of possible supplemental security measures may involve the licensee, the NRC, DHS, and affected States.

To ensure the security of high-risk sources, please control this advisory as sensitive information and share it only with authorized personnel who have a need to know. This information should not be released to the public.

The NRC will continue to monitor threat-related reporting and other relevant developments and will coordinate its assessment activities with other Federal and State agencies for any indication of a threat to licensees.

Any information regarding threats or suspicious activities should be reported promptly to each of the listed organizations or agencies in the following order:

- local Federal Aviation Administration contact (if aircraft incident)
- local law enforcement agency
- local Federal Bureau of Investigation field office
- Agreement State official (for Agreement State licensees)
- NRC Headquarters Operations Center at 301-816-5100

If additional information is received concerning site-specific or general threats involving radioactive material, the NRC may recommend that additional site-specific actions be taken, provide guidance specific to any new information received, advise individual licensees to further coordinate onsite activities with offsite support agencies, or otherwise instruct licensees to implement elevated protective measures and provisions described in the NRC Threat Advisory and Protective Measures System, as appropriate. If you have any questions concerning this advisory, contact the technical point of contact below.

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Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This security advisory does not contain information collections and, therefore, is not subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Title 44 *United States Code* 3501, *et seq.*).

This security advisory expires on September 30, 2018.

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