

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF WASTE, AIR, RADIATION AND REMEDIATION  
BUREAU OF RADIATION PROTECTION  
HARRISBURG, PA 17101

July 05, 2016

BRP INFORMATION NOTICE 2016-02

SECURITY ADVISORY FOR LICENSEES THAT  
POSSESS, USE, SHIP, OR RECEIVE RISK-  
SIGNIFICANT RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS NEAR  
PHILADELPHIA, PA

**ADDRESSEES**

All Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Increased Control (Part 37) Licensees and Specific Licensees of Category 1 and Category 2 Radiation Sources within a 50-mile radius around Philadelphia.

**PURPOSE**

The DEP is issuing this Information Notice (IN) to bring to the attention of PA licensees a security advisory from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The NRC has designated the 2016 Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Philadelphia, July 25-28, 2016 as a National Special Security Event (NSSE). See enclosed NRC NSSE.

**BACKGROUND**

As a prudent precautionary measure, the NRC is requesting selected licensees who may possess certain risk-significant radioactive materials to maintain heightened vigilance for potential security threats during the period surrounding the 2016 DNC event. It should be noted to date, there has been no specific, credible threat toward any licensee of radioactive materials during this period.

**DISCUSSION**

On the days of the 2016 DNC event, licensees are asked to consider implementing certain security measures to avoid receiving and shipping certain radionuclides at 'quantities of concern.' See Table 1 in the enclosed NRC NSSE. 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 or the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) of such shipment plans as soon as possible. The Department will coordinate with the licensee and NRC regarding the possible implementation of supplemental security measures for such shipments.

For questions regarding this BRP Information Notice, please review the enclosed NRC NSSE document "Security Advisory for Licensees that Possess, Use, Ship or Receive Risk-Significant Radioactive Materials."

## **CONTACT**

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

Issued By:  
David J. Allard, CHP, Director  
Bureau of Radiation Protection

~~Enclosure~~