



***RADIATION PROTECTION SECTION
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS BRANCH***

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TO: All Radioactive Materials Licensees

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IN RE: **Security Considerations**

This notice is being published to make licensees aware of some security considerations that have come to light recently. As such, no specific response to this notice is required.

It has been reported by an Agreement State that there have been individuals calling some hospitals, purporting to be representatives of Homeland Security. These individuals are asking questions about the nuclear medicine units at the hospital. The State was able to confirm that neither their own State Homeland Security Office nor the County Homeland Security Office had made the calls.

In these times of increased controls and the increased national awareness of radiation dispersal devices (RDD's), it would be appropriate for us to exercise more diligence when interacting with representatives over the telephone or responding to an e-mail. Since phone calls can come in under complete anonymity, and since e-mail addresses are easily forged, there should be some consideration given to the type of questions being asked and the level of individual in the organization providing answers.

Radiation Safety Officers should review with their staff and all radiation workers their protocols for dealing with inquiries. Licensee management should be briefed and given a report if a "suspect" information request is received. If you do receive suspect or questionable communications, please notify the Radioactive Materials Branch.

As we move forward with the Increased Controls issues, some licensees will be receiving either e-mail or telephone communication from a contractor for the US NRC. If you have questions, please notify the Radioactive Materials Branch for assistance.