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From: Commanding Officer, Navy Environmental Health Center
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Subj: NAVAL RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS PERMIT (NRMP) INFORMATION
NOTICE 2007-01: RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL TRANSPORTATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION OF PACKAGES

Ref: (a) Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR)
(b) NRMP Information Notice of 30 Apr 97
(c) DTR 4500.9-R, Part II, Chapter 204
(d) NAVSEADET RASO ltr 1500 Ser 04A/535 of 10 Nov 05
(e) NAVSUP Instruction 4600.88 of 27 Apr 05

1. All personnel involved with the preparation and shipment of hazardous material (HAZMAT) for transportation, including "Class 7" radioactive material, must receive training per reference (a). Reference (b) mandates training requirements for medical and research commands possessing a NRMP issued by the Naval Radiation Safety Committee (NRSC). These commands are specified in the distribution list at the end of this letter.

2. Additional requirements in the Defense Transportation Regulations (DTR) in reference (c) mandate specific training requirements for individuals certifying shipping papers for Class 7 radioactive material. Per the Executive Secretary of the NRSC at OPNAV-N455, medical and research commands that ship radioactive material have until 31 July 2007 to meet the requirements of reference (c). In addition, personnel who ship radioactive material are required to be assigned in writing by their Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge. The appointment must include the scope of authority and expiration date. A copy of the letter shall be provided to the Transportation Office (TO) local to the command.

3. Per reference (d), personnel successfully completing the Radiation Safety Officer Course (S-4J-0016) after 02 August 2005 and passing a certification examination, and personnel successfully completing the Radioactive Materials Transportation course (S-553-1111), will meet the training requirements of reference (c) to certify shipping papers. Naval Sea Systems Command Detachment, Radiological Affairs Support Office (NAVSEADET RASO) in Yorktown, Virginia is authorized to conduct this training. The NAVSEADET RASO point of contact is HTC

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William L. Maddox at (757) 887-7576 or 4692 [DSN 953], or by e-mail at william.l.maddox@navy.mil. Course dates and application procedures can be found on NAVSEADET RASO's website, which is now located on the Navy Knowledge Online website at <https://wwa.nko.navy.mil>. To access NAVSEADET RASO's information, click on "Organizations and Communities," and then on "Naval Sea Systems Command," and then on "RASO."

4. The DTR in reference (c) also specifies alternative courses offered by the U.S. Army to obtain certification to ship Class 7 radioactive material. These courses are accepted by the Navy.

5. Since the shipment of "excepted packages" does not require shipping papers per Article 173.422(e) of reference (a), except in some situations when shipping by air, the individual authorizing the shipment is required to be trained in accordance with reference (a) but is not required to have been "certified" as discussed above. An example of shipping an "excepted package" is when returning empty packaging to the vendor.

6. The certification pathways addressed in this correspondence are not valid for the shipment of radioactive source-bearing radiation detection, indication and computation (RADIAC) equipment. The policy and procedures for the documentation and shipment of radioactive source-bearing RADIAC equipment is specified in reference (e). In general, only Transportation Officers (TOs) (with a few exceptions) listed in the instruction are authorized to certify shipping papers.

7. This and other Information Notices and Bulletins, and radioactive material transportation regulations and guidance, including references (b) and (e), can be accessed on the Navy Environmental Health Center's internet website at http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/occmcd/rad_nrmp.htm. The Defense Transportation Regulations in reference (c) can be accessed at <http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtr.cfm>.

8. Questions pertaining to the requirements of this Information Notice can be directed to LCDR Brian D. Pomije, MSC, USN, Radiation Health Team Leader at (757) 953-0766 [DSN 377], by facsimile (757) 953-0670, or by e-mail at brian.pomije@med.navy.mil.



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