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From: Commanding Officer, Navy Environmental Health Center

Subj: NAVAL RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PERMIT (NRMP) INFORMATION
NOTICE 99-06: UNAUTHORIZED USERS

Ref: (a) U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Materials License
No. 45-23645-01NA of 2Mar99
(b) CNO ltr 8128 Ser 455/6U394605 of 14Aug86

1. There have been two instances in the past year at Naval medical activities where non-Naval personnel have been allowed to use or possess radioactive material under the command's NRMP. The users were researchers from groups affiliated with the commands but were not under Navy control.

2. The Navy Master Materials License, reference (a), issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, states in part that:

"Licensed material may be used under the Department of Navy control at locations permitted by the Naval Radiation Safety Committee..." and

"Licensed material may be used by, or under the supervision of, individuals designated by the Naval Radiation Safety Committee."

3. In the application for the Master Materials License, reference (b), Navy stated in part that:

"...radioactive material shall be used only by Navy and Marine Corps commands..."

4. The above statements have been interpreted to mean that only personnel who report to a Naval commander and who are paid by the Department of Defense are authorized to use radioactive material under the Navy license and therefore under local NRMPs. Examples of eligible personnel are as follows:

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a. Active duty or reserve personnel who report to the commander of your unit.

b. Civil service (GS, WG, SES or FS) personnel employed by your activity.

c. Civilian contractor personnel paid with Navy funds.

5. Examples of unauthorized entities would be:

a. Non-DOD "Foundation" or "Institute" staff.

b. Employees of other government agencies such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, etc.

c. Students, researchers and faculty of colleges and universities.

6. We recognize there may be personnel who appear to fall into both categories. An example is a student who is on your facility payroll. The key factor is Navy control as demonstrated by chain of command and DOD compensation.

7. You are directed to review all authorized and supervised users at your command to determine their status with respect to Navy control. Notify Navy Environmental Health Center immediately of any personnel who are not clearly covered in paragraph 4 above and/or who might fall into one of the groups listed in paragraph 5. Provide sufficient information describing each situation such as duties, employer, chain of command and financial status of the individual(s). The Naval Radiation Safety Committee will review all users in question and determine the appropriate course of action to ensure compliance with the Navy license. You will be contacted if further information is required and you will be kept informed of all actions taken.

8. For further information, contact the Radiation Health Team at DSN 253-5575 or (757) 462-5575 or by E-mail at wolffsj@nehc.med.navy.mil.


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