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MEMORANDUM TO: Duane E. White, Acting Chief

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 21 WEBINAR TO DISCUSS CATEGORY

3 SOURCE SECURITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

On February 21, 2017, a webinar was held at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the webinar was to solicit comments on questions published in a *Federal Register* Notice (FRN) (82 FR 2399), with subsequent correction (83 FR 4938), related to whether it is necessary to revise NRC regulations or processes governing source protection and accountability for Category 3 sources. The questions were used to facilitate discussion during the webinar. The feedback received during the webinar will be used to inform NRC's evaluation and recommendations, the results which will be documented in a notation vote paper that will be submitted to the Commission in August 2017.

The NRC staff began the webinar with information regarding how to submit comments in response to the questions in the FRN, which was published on January 9, 2017. Then, NRC staff provided some background on the activities that led to the evaluation of whether it is necessary to revise NRC regulations or processes governing Category 3 source protection and accountability, the formation of the NRC/Agreement State Category 3 Source Security and Accountability Working Group, and the activities to be completed by that group. The charter for the working group is available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML17010A017. The NRC staff also discussed the security and accountability enhancements under consideration and provided a brief explanation

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of the information technology systems involved in supporting source tracking and license verification functions (National Source Tracking System [NSTS], Web-Based Licensing System [WBL], and License Verification System [LVS]). The NRC staff then moved to the comment portion of the meeting and solicited feedback on each of the 22 questions listed in the FRN. Participants asked questions on: 1) the timeline for performing license verifications, 2) whether aggregate quantities of Category 4 sources to a Category 3 quantity would be required to be reported to LVS, 3) whether a user would have to go through the credentialing process again if they already have access to one system, and 4) the duration of credentials. Comments provided during the meeting also included whether or not Category 3 sources should be included in NSTS, whether there is an increase in safety and security if Category 3 sources are reported in NSTS, and whether physical security requirements should be expanded to include Category 3 quantities of radioactive material.

There were 45 participants on the webinar. Participants represented members of the public, NRC and Agreement State licensees, Agreement States, and the NRC. A list of meeting attendees and the meeting agenda are attached.

Staff closed out the meeting by reminding participants that the comment period for the FRN closes on March 10, 2017, and that additional public meetings and webinars would be held during the comment period to facilitate feedback.

The transcript for this meeting is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17079A125. The slides for this meeting are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17053B064. A direct link to the transcript and slides are also available on the Category 3 Source Security and Accountability Re-Evaluation Web site at <a href="https://www.nrc.gov/security/byproduct/category-3-source-security-accountability-reevaluation.html">https://www.nrc.gov/security/byproduct/category-3-source-security-accountability-reevaluation.html</a>.

#### Enclosures:

- 1. Meeting Attendees
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## **Meeting Attendees**

Webinar on Category 3 Source Security and Accountability Re-Evaluation February 21, 2017 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. EST

	Name	Organization
1	Margaret Cervera*	NRC
2	Gary Purdy*	NRC
3	George Smith	NRC
4	Irene Wu*	NRC
5	Sabrina Atack	NRC
6	Duncan White*	NRC
7	Carrie Crawford	NRC
8	Linda Eusebio	NRC
9	Paul Goldberg	NRC
10	Anita Gray	NRC
11	Erik Abkemeier	Department of the Navy
12	John Adams	NRC
13	Kendall Berry	Tenet Healthcare
14	Jennifer Bishop	NRC
15	David Brown	National Institute of Standards and Technology
16	Daniel Eavenson	First Alert
17	Deirdre Elder	University of Colorado Hospital
18	Sherrie Flaherty*	Minnesota Department of Health
19	Monica Ford	NRC
20	Sara Forster	NRC
21	Liz Gormsen	ICF International, Inc.
22	Cliff Harris	North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
23	Nathan Hogue	University of Missouri Research Reactor Center
24	Thomas Jones	GE Healthcare Solutions
25	Michael Klebe	Michael Klebe & Associates, Inc.
26	Linda Kroger	University of California Davis Medical Center
27	Andrew Lijoi	Bose Public Affairs Group LLC
28	Lisa London*	NRC
29	William Lorenzen	Boston Children's Hospital
30	Rusty Lundberg	Utah Department of Environmental Quality
31	Andi Merritt	ICF International, Inc.
32	Sarah Miller	Member of the Public
33	Joann Molloy	Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia
34	Gonzalo Perez	California Department of Public Health
35	Troy Prutzman	Bloomsburg University

<sup>\*</sup> member of the Category 3 Source Security and Accountability Working Group

	Name	Organization
36	Elizabeth Reed*	NRC
37	Jim Schweitzer	Purdue University
38	Karen Sheehan	Fox Chase Cancer Center
39	Philip Simpkin	Baker Hughes
40	Eric Soltycki	Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia
41	Mike Stephens	Florida Department of Health
42	Clive Townsend	Purdue University
43	Frank Tran	NRC
44	Jack Tway	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
45	Scott Winters	VEGA Americas, Inc.

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## **Meeting Agenda**

# Category 3 Source Security and Accountability Webinar February 21, 2017, 01:00 PM to 04:00 PM

#### Webinar/Teleconference

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
1:00 - 4:00 pm	Introductory remarks and overview of Category 3 initiatives	NRC
	Opportunity to provide comments related to FRN questions	Public
	Concluding remarks	NRC