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21	LINDA EUSEBIO
22	MARK SHAFFER
23	GEORGE SMITH
24	DUNCAN WHITE
25	IRENE WU

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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 (3:00 p.m.)MR. SHAFFER: Good afternoon. My name is 3 4 Mark Shaffer. I'm the director for the Division of 5 Nuclear Material Safety in NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas. 6 7 Ι want to thank you today for participating in the meeting. Today we're going to 8 9 focus on the re-evaluation of Category 3 source 10 security and accountability. Irene will cover some of the background on 11 this, but let me introduce the issue just a little 12 bit. that the U.S. Government 13 Let me note 14 Accountability Office, the GAO, conducted an audit of 15 NRC's and the agreement states' licensing process, and during that audit they identified some concerns 16 17 related to source security and accountability for Category 3 sources. 18 19 Now, subsequent to that GAO report, the 20 NRC Commission directed the staff to perform a re-evaluation, including pros and cons of different 21 methods for validating licenses and pros and cons for 22 23 including Category 3 sources into the National Source

Part of the Commission's direction to the

Tracking System.

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staff was to engage with stakeholders so that we can fully assess the regulatory impact of any potential changes to existing processes or regulations.

so I'd like to make it clear now to everyone here and on the webinar that the meeting today, we're not in the process of changing the regulations or the requirements. What we are doing is an evaluation to support the development of recommendations to the Commission and, in particular, whether or not requirements regarding security and accountability of Category 3 sources should be changed and, if changes are recommended, what the changes or new requirements might be.

The results of the evaluation are not predetermined. The NRC has not made any decisions regarding changing regulations. Actually, on the contrary, we're in the early stages of performing this evaluation, and the meeting today is part of our process to receive some stakeholder feedback to help us formulate recommendations to the Commission.

You might know the staff's recommendations to the Commission are due in August of this year. Ultimately the Commission will decide whether or not to pursue regulatory changes to the security and accountability of Category 3 sources.

We recognize that obtaining stakeholder input is an important part of this effort, and we must use that in our evaluation to enable us to develop well-thought-out and comprehensive set of recommendations.

So today's public meeting is obviously a part of that process. Today's series of meetings and webinars, we've done a series of those, and we're hosting more of these webinars.

The public comment period closes in March of this year. So therefore, to the extent possible, it would be very helpful to us today if you could provide some specificity, even numerical estimates if you have them, in your comments regarding the regulatory impact and how that might affect your business or might affect the requirements that we have in place now.

So we want to hear all of you. Any other comments -- we really would solicit any comments that you have today. But if you can focus on specificity of how that impact -- might impact you, it would be much appreciated.

I want to thank you again for being here today. It's very helpful to us to interact with all the stakeholders so we can have a more clear

1 understanding of the impact on any changes that might be recommended to the Commission. 2 3 Looking forward to an engaging dialog 4 today, and with that, I'll turn it over to George 5 Smith, who's going to be the facilitator today. 6 MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you, Mark. 7 Before we get started, I'd like to just go 8 over some -- the emergency exit and some of the other 9 processes. 10 So if you have to use the restroom, it's out the door, to the left -- the women to the left, 11 12 and the men to the right. Also, if we have an emergency, there are a couple of emergency exits. 13 14 If you see to the left, there's 15 emergency exit downstairs. To the right also is an 16 emergency exit downstairs, or you can just go down the 17 escalators. We'd like for everyone to at least meet 18 19 across the street, and we'll make sure we have -we'll grab the sign-in sheet and make sure we account 20 for everyone, at least before you disperse, if you 21 decide not to come back to the meeting. 22 And from what I understand, the hotel 23 24 won't do a practice type of evacuation, so if it

occurs, it is real, so just keep that in mind.

1 also have members of the NRC 2 States Category 3 Source Security 3 Accountability Working Group in attendance, here and 4 on the phone, and these individuals may ask clarifying 5 questions. So if you give a remark, they may ask some 6 7 clarifying questions just to make sure we capture the 8 essence of your comment. 9 So to minimize any interruptions, we ask that you -- if you have a cell phone, if you can put 10 it in the courtesy mode at this time, either vibrate 11 or silent. And we understand that, you know, you have 12 make -- you may have to make or receive 13 14 important phone call, but if that's the case, if you can, just step outside the room and make that call or 15 receive that call; we'd appreciate it. 16 So for those on those on the phone, please 17 make sure you've logged in to the webinar in order to 18 19 follow along with the slide presentation. 20 If you have not registered for webinar, the webinar registration information 21 available in the public meeting notice on the NRC 22 public meeting website. 23 24 So a copy of the slides used in today's

meeting will be made available on the Category 3 web

page, located on the NRC website also.

So the agenda for today: First we'll go over the public comment process. Next we'll give a brief background on how we got here and why we were asking for your inputs. Then we'll go over the different comment areas and open the floor for comments on each of the questions in the Federal Register notice.

So we'll go between the room and the phone line and the webinar, so we have folks in all three locations. And at the end of the meeting we'll provide information on the remaining Category 3 source security and accountability public meetings and webinar dates and then close the meeting.

So this is a Category 3 public meeting, which means we will be soliciting feedback to ensure your issues and concerns are presented, understood, and considered by the NRC. This meeting is being transcribed to accurately capture your comments, so the transcription is here.

Your comment during the public meetings -or this public meeting and those submitted to the NRC
will be considered by NRC in preparing a report to the
Commission as directed by the Staff Requirement
Memorandum for COMJMB-16-0001.

1 The NRC does not plan to provide specific responses to stakeholder feedback during this meeting, 2 so we're asking for specific comments of your concerns 3 4 during this meeting. 5 Please do not provide nonpublic, officialuse-only safeguards and/or classified information 6 7 related to a specific facility. For those on the phone, the operator will 8 9 place you in a queue if you have comments to provide 10 at today's meeting. The operator will inform you when you will be allowed to present your comments. 11 So if you do not have the opportunity to 12 provide comments today, or if you have additional 13 14 comments, please submit your comments to the NRC by March 10, 2017, via https://www.regulations.gov for 15 docket ID NRC-2016-0276. 16 Or you can mail your 17 comments to Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN-12-H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory 18 19 Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. So please include the docket ID number, NRC-2016-0276 in the 20 subject line of your submission. 21 So now I'll turn it over to Irene Wu, who 22 will provide you some background information. 23 24 MS. WU: All right. Thank you, George.

My name is Irene Wu, and I am the project

manager at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the co-chair of the NRC agreement state group that is conducting this re-evaluation.

As you may know, the Commission issued a Staff Requirements Memorandum for COMJMB-16-0001, dated October 18, 2016, which direct the NRC staff to take specific actions to evaluate whether it is necessary to revise NRC regulations or processes governing Category 3 source protection and accountability.

However, this is not the first time that we have reviewed strategies for the protection and accountability of Cat 3 sources. In 2007 the GAO, or U.S. Government Accountability Office, conducted an investigation on NRC's materials licensing program and was able to obtain a radioactive materials license using a fictitious company and place orders that would have resulted, if actually obtained, in receipt of an aggregated Category 3 quantity of radioactive material.

After the 2007 investigation, the NRC and agreement states made a number of significant changes to strengthen the licensing and regulatory processes to

prevent individuals who may have malevolent intent

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from obtaining a radioactive materials license.

In 2009, licensees began reporting Category 1 and 2 sources to the National Source Tracking System. Staff had proposed to expand reporting to the NSTS to include Category 3 sources; however, the Commission did not reach a decision on the proposed rulemaking, and the final rule was not approved.

In 2014 GAO initiated another audit of the materials licensing program to determine whether the licensing vulnerabilities identified in 2007 had been addressed by the NRC and agreement states.

As part of its audit, GAO rented storefront warehouse space to demonstrate a fictitious company's legitimacy during prelicensing visits. The GAO was successful in one of three attempts and acquired a license for a Category 3 well logging source, which they used to place one order for a Category 3 source.

GAO then altered the license and used it to place a second order for an additional Category 3 source. In doing so, GAO effectively demonstrated the ability to obtain an aggregated Category 2 quantity of material, although at no point in the investigation were radioactive materials actually shipped to the

fictitious company.

GAO published its final report for the material licensing audit and investigation in July 2016. In August of 2017, we plan to submit a notation vote paper to the Commission with our recommendations.

It is also relevant to note that we recently completed our comprehensive review of 10 CFR Part 37, which are the physical protection requirements for Category 1 and 2 quantities of radioactive material.

That report, which is publicly available, was sent to Congress in December of 2016, and the results of that assessment will inform our evaluation of Category 3 source security and accountability, which is currently underway.

That was a quick high-level overview of how we got here, and I've included some resources on the slide if you want to delve further into the background.

The specific tasks outlined in the SRM that will be addressed in the notation vote paper are as follows: an evaluation of the pros and cons of different methods of verifying the validity of a license prior to transfer; an evaluation of the pros and cons of including Category 3 sources in the

National Source Tracking System; an assessment of any
additional options for addressing the source
accountability recommendations made by the GAO; a
vulnerability assessment which identifies changes in
the threat environment between 2009 and today that
argue in favor or against expansion of the National
Source Tracking System to include Category 3 sources;
a regulatory impact analysis of the accrued benefits
and costs of the change to include impacts to the NRC,
agreement states, non-agreement states, and regulated
entities; a discussion of potential regulatory actions
that would not require changes to our regulations, to
include changes to guidance, training, and other
program improvements; an assessment of the risks posed
by the aggregation of Category 3 sources into Category
2 quantities; collaboration with agreement state
partners, non-agreement states, regulated entities,
public interest groups, industry groups, and the
reactor community to fully assess the regulatory
impact of any recommendations to be made in the
notation vote paper and, lastly, any other factors to
help inform the Commission's decision.

For those unfamiliar with some of these systems, let me provide a brief explanation of the National Source Tracking System web-based licensing

system and the license verification system.

The National Source Tracking System, or NSTS, was deployed in 2008 and is a web-based system that accounts for high-risk radioactive sources from the time that they are manufactured or imported through the time of their disposal or export, or until they decay enough to be no longer of concern.

While NSTS provides a relatively up-todate accounting system regarding risk-significant sources inventories, it is important to note that it is not a real-time tracking mechanism for sources.

Reporting to the NSTS is all after the fact, and the requirements for what is required to be reported can be found in 10 CFR 20.2207, and these requirements include reporting licensee information, transaction date, source manufacturer, source model, source serial number, radioactive material in the source, and source activity.

Typical methods of reporting to the National Source Tracking System include direct reporting via online access, emailing or faxing the Form 748, which is the National Source Tracking Transaction Report; or providing an electronic batch file to be uploaded directly into NSTS.

The web-based licensing system, or WBL,

1 was deployed in 2012 and is a licensing system that is 2 accessible through the internet. At this time access 3 to WBL is limited to only regulators. 4 The objectives of WBL are to provide an 5 repository of all risk-significant Category 1 and 2 licenses nationwide and to provide an 6 7 up-to-date repository of all licenses of NRC and three 8 agreement states who have adopted the use of WBL. 9 Many states have expressed interest in 10 using WBL, and we are currently working with several states towards full use of the system. 11 WBL is available to state agencies free of 12 charge, and their adoption of the system and built-in 13 14 process flows create more consistency in licensing for 15 the states that use it. 16 States that are not using WBL directly 17 provide NRC with their Category 1 and 2 licenses as they are issued or amended, to be uploaded in WBL by 18 19 Having the most current Category 1 our contractors. licenses WBT. is essential for 20 and in t.he functionality of the license verification system. 21 So the license verification system, 22 LVS, was deployed back in 2013 and is a web-based 23 24 system that enables authorized licensees to confirm

that a license is valid and accurate and that a

1 licensee is authorized to acquire quantities and types of radioactive materials being requested. 2 3 The process to verify a license is as 4 follows: Step 1, and authorized customer requests a 5 Category 1 or Category 2 quantity of radioactive material from an authorized supplier and provides a 6 7 copy of its license or specific license information 8 needed to query the license record through LVS. 9 Step 2, the authorized supplier submits the issuing agency license number and either the 10 amendment number or the license issue date to LVS in 11 order to verify the official copy of the customer's 12 license. 13 14 Step 3, LVS queries WBL to obtain the 15 possession limit for Category 1 and 2 authorized materials and a copy of the license image. 16 17 Step 4, WBL provides the license image to LVS to compare the possession limits and current NSTS 18 19 inventory. Step 5, LVS queries the NSTS and compares 20 the possession limit for Category 1 and 2 authorized 21 materials to the current NSTS inventory. 22 And step 6, if the customer is above its 23 limit 24 possession in the National Source Tracking System, LVS will display a message for the supplier to 25

contact the regulator.

Step 7, if no issues exist, LVS displays the official license image obtained from WBL, and the authorized supplier notes the license verification is complete in LVS.

And the last step is the supplier -- step 8, the supplier completes the purchase order, and the material is transferred to the customer.

Licensees opting not to have access to LVS or those receiving a message by LVS to contact the regulator must use the manual process to complete the verification of a license.

And to facilitate that process, the transferring licensee may contact our help desk by phone or email to provide the necessary information to populate the NRC Form 749, which is the manual license verification report.

So to get access to these systems, applicants have to go through a credentialing process, and the credentialing process typically takes about a month to complete and includes a verification of employment, a determination that the person has a need to know, and an identity proofing step to verify that the person applying for a credential is who he or she claims to be.

Once the credentialing process is complete, the NRC issues an electronic credential which allows the systems to uniquely identify each user. The credentialing process is the same, so if a user has access to one system, they do not have to go through the full credentialing process again for the second system. They simply have to contact our help desk to get that access.

The credential used for NSTS and LVS is called a one-time password, which, in combination with a personal identification number or PIN, will give them access to the systems.

A one-time password, or OTP, is a password that is valid for only one log-in session. Currently NRC offers three options for OTPs: a card, a token, or a smartphone app. An OTP is provided to a user free of charge, and no software installation is necessary.

Some of the enhancements that are under consideration for this re-evaluation are verification of Category 3 licenses through the LVS or the regulatory authority, as is done with Category 1 and 2 licenses; inclusion of Category 3 sources in NSTS, as is done with Category 1 and 2 sources; and expanding physical security requirements to include

Category 3 quantities of radioactive material along with Category 1 and 2 quantities of radioactive material.

These potential enhancements form the basis for the questions in *Federal Register* notice that we issued on the subject, published on January 9, 2017.

FRN lists 22 questions that separated into sections based on the topics applicability to relevant stakeholders. These include general questions related to license verification, general questions related to the NSTS, specific for licensees related license to verification, specific questions for licensees related specific questions for agreement states to NSTS, related to license verification, specific questions for agreement states related to the NSTS and other questions.

The NRC wants to clarify while the Federal Register notice included questions directed towards particular stakeholders, the NRC is actually looking for comment and responses from all members of the public on all questions.

The FRN grouped questions in a particular fashion to facilitate input from some stakeholders

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1 that may wish to provide some input to this activity 2 but may have limited resources to do so, but all 3 members of the public are welcome to provide their 4 thoughts on any of the listed questions. 5 So before we move to the comment portion of this period, I did want to include a slide to show 6 7 the different thresholds for Category 1, 2, and 3 8 quantities of radioactive material. 9 As you can see from the table, 10 Category 3 threshold is greater than one-tenth of the Category 2 threshold but less than the Category 2 11 Also of note is that the list 12 threshold. radionuclides that are currently subject to physical 13 14 security requirements in 10 CFR Part 37 is different than the list of radionuclides included in NSTS. 15 The four radionuclides highlighted in the 16 table are the radionuclides that are included in NSTS 17 but not subject to 10 CFR Part 37, and the main reason 18 that these four radionuclides were included in NSTS is 19 because DOE likely possesses these isotopes, and they 20 report to the National Source Tracking System. 21 So I will now turn the meeting back over 22 to George, who will solicit comments from meeting 23 24 participants.

Okay.

MR. SMITH:

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Thank you, Irene.

1 So before we move on to this portion of 2 the meeting, are there any questions on Irene's slides in the room? 3 4 (No response.) 5 MR. SMITH: No questions. Robin, are there any questions on the 6 7 phone line? 8 THE OPERATOR: I'm sorry. No comments or 9 questions at this time. 10 MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you. indications of questions in the 11 Any webinar? 12 MS. EUSEBIO: No comments or questions on 13 14 the webinar. 15 Thank you. MR. SMITH: Great. So now we'll transition into the comment 16 17 portion of the meeting. As a reminder, we do not plan provide specific responses to stakeholders' 18 19 feedback during this meeting. We're asking for the specifics of your comments, but we don't plan to 20 provide any responses to your questions. 21 We will use these comments to inform our 22 evaluation and recommendations. We will prepare a 23 24 document summarizing all of the comments we receive today and at other meetings and written comments that 25

1 will be part of the notation vote paper to be submitted to the Commission in August 2017. 2 3 Please do not provide nonpublic official-4 use-only safeguard and/or classified information 5 related to a specific facility, and as a reminder, this meeting is being transcribed. 6 7 Before providing comments today, please 8 state your name and the name of the organization, if 9 any, that you are representing. The first several questions are general 10 questions related to the license verification. So 11 12 question Should the current method for 1: transferring 13 verification of licenses prior to 14 Category 3 quantities of radioactive material listed in 10 CFR 30.41(d)(1) through (5), 10 CFR 40.51(d)(1) 15 through (f) and 10 CFR 70.42(d)(1) through (5) be 16 17 changed such that only the method prescribed in 10 CFR 37.71 are allowed. 18 19 So as you can see on the slides, we've included a summary of the five methods of license 20 verification that are described in 10 CFR Part 30, 40, 21 and 70. 22 So here in the room, if you have any 23 24 comments, if you can, please use the microphone in the middle so we can accurately capture your comments, 25

1	again, as they're being transcribed.
2	Are there any comments here in the room on
3	this statement I'm sorry this question?
4	(No response.)
5	MR. SMITH: Robin, are there any
6	indications of comments on the telephone line?
7	THE OPERATOR: No comments on the phone
8	line.
9	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
10	Any of indication of comments on the
11	webinar?
12	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the webinar.
13	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thanks. We'll give it
14	a couple of seconds. Again, if you have any comments,
15	just go up to the microphone.
16	(No response.)
17	MR. SMITH: Okay. We're going to move on
18	to question number 2. And also, if you decide you do
19	have a comment on a previous question that we've
20	covered, it's no problem; you can always come up the
21	microphone, or you can make a comment on the phone
22	line or in the webinar. We do welcome all comments.
23	So question number 2: Will there be an
24	increase in safety and/or security if the regulations
25	were changed to only allow license verification
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1 through the NRC license verification system, or LVS, or the transferee's license issuing authority for 2 transfers of Category 3 quantities of radioactive 3 4 material? 5 If so, how much of an increase would there Any comments here in the room? 6 be? 7 (No response.) 8 SMITH: Duncan or Irene, would you 9 like to provide some previous comments that we've had 10 in this area? I think we've had quite a few. MR. WHITE: Yeah. This is Duncan White 11 from the NRC. In previous webinars and public 12 meetings, people noted that they didn't feel overall 13 14 there would be a increase in safety and security, 15 although some people did note that the use of LVS 16 would make a more secure system, because you would 17 have to use a system where we have the licenses deposited at WBL, and that would be on the current 18 19 versions of that. So they felt it was kind of a dual answer, 20 that it wouldn't be a big increase in security, but 21 they saw the importance of using a system that had 22 only official copies of the licenses available. 23 24 MR. SMITH: Right. So if there are some in the audience, if you're not using LVS, we'd like to 25

1	get some comments from you, to give your thoughts on
2	the use of LVS for Category 3.
3	(No response.)
4	MR. SMITH: Robin, are there any
5	indications on the phone line of comments?
6	THE OPERATOR: Yes. We have one from
7	Roland Vasquez.
8	MR. SMITH: Okay. Great. Thank you.
9	MR. VASQUEZ: I had a question on number
10	one. The question is [inaudible]. Did the question
11	contemplate transfer of [inaudible]?
12	MR. SMITH: Were you able to understand?
13	I'm sorry. We're going to get someone in
14	to try to increase the volume, but if you can please
15	provide your comment again, we'd appreciate it. We
16	didn't hear your comment.
17	MR. VASQUEZ: Sure. My comment is and
18	a question that question 1 uses the word
19	"quantities" and not (loud electronic sound).
20	MR. SMITH: That didn't work.
21	Go ahead. I'm sorry. I was trying to
22	amplify your voice.
23	MR. VASQUEZ: Okay. Did the question
24	contemplate the transfer of individual sources for
25	Category 3, or did it contemplate the transfer of
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1	sources which in aggregate exceed the Category 3
2	threshold?
3	MR. WHITE: This is Duncan White, NRC.
4	The participation for Category 3 sources, this would
5	be any source the quantity is the individual
6	sources that would be transferred.
7	If it turned out to be an aggregation of
8	sources, say, multiple sources of one kind, again,
9	that kind of falls under the same category as Category
LO	3 sources if they're aggregated; we're talking about
L1	the quantities of material at one time.
L2	So it can be aggregation, or it could be
L3	a single source.
L4	MR. VASQUEZ: Okay. Then maybe a followup
L5	question: When you say "at one time," I hear you to
L6	say per transfer. Is that right?
L7	MR. WHITE: Yes, because sometimes you may
L8	have an aggregation of sources that may be in a single
L9	device; for example, say you ship something from one
20	location to another. You may aggregate, say, Category
21	4 sources into a single package and transfer all at
22	once as a Category 3 quantity of material.
23	MR. VASQUEZ: Okay. Great. Thank you.
24	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you very much.
25	Are there any comments here in the room?
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1	MR. O'DONEL: To clarify
2	MR. SMITH: We need you to
3	MR. WHITE: Yeah, use the mic.
4	MR. SMITH: And if you could state your
5	name, too, and any organization you're representing.
6	MR. O'DONEL: Rob O'Donel, Suntrac
7	Services.
8	To clarify, if there was a shipment of six
9	sources that were 500 millicuries, that would be 3,000
10	millicuries, so that's the aggregate is above the
11	Category 3 threshold. So you would have to do you
12	possibly would have to do the National Source Tracking
13	System with one shipment?
14	MS. WU: No. So license verification
15	in this case you potentially would have to do the
16	license verification for that Category 3 quantity, but
17	for National Source Tracking System that's done on a
18	source level, so if the individual sources don't rise
19	above the Category 3 quantity, then those don't get
20	reported to NSTS if we were to expand NSTS to include
21	Category 3.
22	MR. O'DONEL: So license verification,
23	yes, but NSTS, no. Okay.
24	MS. WU: That's correct.
25	MR. SMITH: Any additional comments here

1	in the room?
2	(No response.)
3	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the webinar?
4	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the webinar.
5	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
6	Robin, any additional comments on the
7	phone line?
8	MR. VASQUEZ: Hi. This is Roland.
9	There's some trouble with the microphone, I thin, in
10	the room. I wasn't able to hear Rob O'Donel's
11	question. I was only partially able to hear Ms. Wu's
12	response. I wonder if the NRC would be willing to
13	restate, for the benefit of the folks on the phone,
14	the questions which are asked in the room.
15	MR. SMITH: Okay. Great.
16	MR. VASQUEZ: Thank you.
17	MR. SMITH: Can you repeat the last
18	question?
19	MR. WHITE: The last question that was
20	asked was about if there was a shipment of multiple
21	sources, each individually a Category 4 quantity, and
22	the aggregate amount was a Category 3, quantity, the
23	question was, would is that reportable to NSTS, or
24	is that just reportable in for license verification
25	purposes?
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1	And the answer we gave was it would not be
2	required for NSTS, but it would be required for
3	license verification.
4	MR. VASQUEZ: Thank you.
5	MR. SMITH: Okay, Robin. Any additional
6	comments on the line?
7	MR. JACOBI: Rick Jacobi. Actually, I
8	don't have a comment a question. I was just had
9	the same problem Roland was having. Your discussion
LO	comes in and out a little bit.
L1	MR. SMITH: Okay. And we apologize, but
L2	we are adjusting the mics at this time. But, again,
L3	if you cannot hear the comments or questions, please
L4	let us know again. We really appreciate that.
L5	Okay. We're going to go on to question
L6	number 3. If the NRC changed the regulations to limit
L7	license verification only through the LVS or the
L8	transferee's license issuing authority for transfers
L9	of Category 3 quantities of radioactive material,
20	should licensees transferring Category 3 quantities to
21	manufacturers
22	and distributors be excepted from the limitation?
23	Any clarification on that?
24	MR. WHITE: This is Duncan White. The
25	information that we've heard at previous public

meetings and information we've -- from our experiences with Cat 1 and 2 sources is that most transfers occur between manufacturers and individual licensees.

And we do know that, for example, for Category 3 sources, one of the groups that would be affected by such a change, if we did do one, would be high-dose afterloaders.

And those exchanges are strictly done between the manufacturer and the customer, whereas another group that's maybe impacted by Cat 3 are well loggers; you know, generally they're done between the manufacturer and the end user. There is a number of exchanges that happen from licensee to licensee, so that's one thing we're just trying to get input on, is to make it easier for the end user.

One potential thing that we've thought of and we're asking for your input on is, you know, to make it easier for the transfers, would it be easier just to have the manufacturers do it? So put the burden on them, versus having, you know, both end users and the manufacturers do it. So if you have any feedback on that, we would appreciate it.

MR. O'DONEL: I agree with the question or the statement, and that would lessen the burden on the licensees. Rob O'Donel, Suntrac Services.

1	MR. SMITH: Try this one.
2	MR. TORRES: My name's Gamaliel Torres,
3	and I'm with NSSI here in Houston, Texas. So first a
4	question and then a comment, please.
5	So can we define the manufacturer more
6	clearly, please? You know, we for example, if a
7	company is a manufacturer and a distributor but not
8	necessarily the manufacturer and distributor on the
9	sealed source device registry for that source, would
10	that still fall in this category?
11	MR. WHITE: This is Duncan White, NRC. We
12	hadn't gone to that level to determine, you know,
13	what you know, when we thought about the question,
14	we didn't get to that level about distributor.
15	We're thinking from it goes from one
16	specific licensee to either the
17	manufacturer/distributor, whoever that may be, and
18	that is transferred directly to the customer.
19	I understand your point being that the
20	manufacturer and distributor may be a separate entity.
21	I understand that, but that's we appreciate that
22	comment and feedback.
23	MR. TORRES: Okay. Well, just to provide
24	a little bit more information without getting too

specific, about 40 to 50 percent of our business is --

1	specifically is for storage and disposal of
2	radioactive material for a wide variety of customers.
3	And we are considered a manufacturer and
4	distributor on our license, but not specifically for
5	those sources.
6	But my other question then I'd like to
7	go ahead and answer and just answer the question
8	specifically and go ahead with the previous
9	commenters. I'm sorry. One more comment, actually.
10	So the burden will be placed on the
11	customer or on the manufacturer and distributor?
12	MR. WHITE: The intent of the question
13	would be that the burden would be placed on the
14	manufacturer and distributor.
15	MR. TORRES: Okay. Thank you. That's it.
16	MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you.
17	Robin, are there any indications of
18	questions on the phone line?
19	(No response.)
20	MR. SMITH: Robin, is the phone line
21	connected?
22	Stand by a minute. We're having problems
23	hearing the phone lines at this time, so we're going
24	to have to
25	THE OPERATOR: We're here.

1	MR. SMITH: Okay. Now, is this Tyler or
2	is this Robin.
3	THE OPERATOR: I've taken over. Would you
4	like to take a question?
5	MR. SMITH: Just stand by one second.
6	We're going to try to get the volume increased a
7	little on the phone line so we can make sure we
8	accurately capture your comments.
9	THE OPERATOR: Standing by.
10	MR. SMITH: Great. And also we do have a
11	comment here in the room.
12	Please state your name and your
13	organization.
14	MS. JIMENEZ: Sandra Jimenez, M.D.
15	Anderson Cancer Center.
16	So working in a medical facility, this
17	will be a big burden on the licensee, specifically for
18	the HDR sources. It would be probably more impactful
19	for the manufacturer or the vendor to handle this type
20	of work, since in most cases they are handling some
21	paperwork for shipping. It just seems like it would
22	go hand in hand.
23	MR. WHITE: Thank you for the comment.
24	MR. SMITH: Thank you.
25	Any indications of
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1 MS. EUSEBIO: No comments or questions on 2 the webinar. 3 MR. SMITH: Okay. We're going to stand by 4 for about five minutes to see if we can rectify the 5 issue with the phone lines, and then we'll start back. (Pause.) 6 7 MR. SMITH: Everyone should be able to 8 hear me; we just can't hear you guys. If you go on 9 the website if you are not registered on the web, you can register on the web, and you can submit your 10 questions or comments through the web. 11 We apologize for not being able to hear 12 you on the phone lines, but, again, if you cannot get 13 14 to the web, if you would like to make a comment, we'll 15 pause and then we'll try to get your comment. And, again, if you cannot make a comment 16 17 today, you can send your comments in to the NRC, to Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: 18 19 OWFN-12-H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. And, again, we ask you to 20 please indicate -- include the docket ID, NRC-2016-21 0276 in the subject line for your submissions of any 22 23 comments. 24 Again, we apologize, but it doesn't appear that we'll be able to fix the phone lines at this 25

time, so we're going to try to use the webinar to 1 allow you to submit your questions. 2 3 If you cannot submit your questions to the 4 webinar, please indicate to the operator, Tyler, that 5 you do have a question, and we'll stop and we'll try 6 our best to get your comment. 7 MS. EUSEBIO: George, we have a question 8 on the webinar. 9 MR. SMITH: Okay. 10 MS. EUSEBIO: Or a comment. Sorry. This is from Roland Backhaus: 11 Okav. Presumably this concession is designed to lessen the 12 license verification burden to licensees transferring 13 14 radioactive material to well known companies with 15 which the transferor has had regular dealing. 16 If so, should a smaller concession apply 17 other well known companies with which the transferor has had regular dealing but which might not 18 19 be a manufacturer or distributor? 20 As far putting the burden on the manufacturer/distributor to be exclusively responsible 21 for the transactions, I would make the following 22 I would be concerned that any inaccuracy 23 comment: 24 around accountability may then fall on the licensee

who, if not involved in the process, would not have

1	any knowledge or recourse.
2	This sounds like a potential for the
3	licensee to be subject to possible enforcement for
4	lost/missing sources.
5	If there is going to be accountability and
6	a licensee is going to be held accountable, then the
7	licensee must be involved in all transactions.
8	MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you.
9	Any additional comments in the room?
LO	(No response.)
L1	MR. SMITH: Okay. We're going to move on
L2	to question number 4. Question number 4: Is there
L3	anything else we should consider when evaluating
L4	different methods of license verification prior to
L5	transferring Category 3 quantities of radioactive
L6	material?
L7	Any comments here in the room?
L8	(No response.)
L9	MR. SMITH: And those on the phone line,
20	again we apologize, but if you have any comments,
21	please provide those comments through the webinar, and
22	we will capture those comments.
23	And we'll give it a couple of seconds,
24	just to make sure you guys have an opportunity to
25	provide your comments.

1 Tyler also will definitely stand by. Ιf 2 anyone indicates that they do have a comment, please let us know. 3 4 There's a comment? 5 MS. EUSEBIO: Yes. I have a comment. This is from Rick Jacobi: I want to be 6 7 sure I understand this proposal. If a licensee ships individual devices containing, for example, a single 8 9 500-millicurie cesium-137 source, then that licensee is not required to report the shipment in the National 10 Source Tracking System. 11 But if that licensee is warehousing a 12 dozen of these devices for an aggregate of 5 curies, 13 14 then that licensee would be required to implement a 15 physical security system. 16 MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you for the 17 comment. Any comments here in the room? 18 19 MR. WHITE: Yeah. This is Duncan. I just had a comment on the question that was asked. 20 The individual -- Rick indicated that we had to implement 21 physical security requirements. That is not the case. 22 23 Category 3 we're not requiring 24 implementation of physical security requirements. Physical security requirements are explained in Part 25

1	37, and this only applies to Category 1 and 2
2	quantities.
3	We do have a question later on in the Q&A
4	session here that asks about should we apply Category
5	3 quantities to Part 37 physical security
6	requirements. When we get to there, we'll certainly
7	ask for everyone's input on that.
8	But to answer Rick's question, we would
9	not require physical security requirements for the
10	scenario he presented.
11	MR. SMITH: Okay. Great. Thanks.
12	Any additional comments on the webinar?
13	MS. EUSEBIO: No more comments on the
14	webinar.
15	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
16	Any additional comments here in the room?
17	(No response.)
18	MR. SMITH: And, again, Tyler, if there's
19	anyone indicating that they do have a question on the
20	phone line, we'll try to entertain that question, but
21	the best method would be the webinar.
22	THE OPERATOR: [inaudible].
23	MR. SMITH: Tyler, can you repeat your
24	comment?
25	THE OPERATOR: Yes. We have Carrie

1	Crawford.
2	MS. CRAWFORD: Can you hear me?
3	MR. SMITH: Yes, Carrie. We can hear you.
4	MS. CRAWFORD: Okay. Well, I have a
5	comment.
6	MR. SMITH: Okay. Go ahead, Carrie.
7	MS. CRAWFORD: This comment is from Jerry
8	Sullivan: After analyzing the reports, it appears
9	that there is an issue with the license vetting and
10	not security of the Category 3 business sites. That
11	is the issue that should be addressed.
12	Personally I am in full support of
13	increasing the application requirements for Category
14	3 sources. The KDHE is very diligent in vetting
15	process and working closely with the licensee to
16	ensure safety and adequate security for these minimal-
17	source user/owners.
18	By them saying Category 3 and forcing
19	those to a Category 2 license, you will only eliminate
20	small businesses who cannot afford the additional
21	financial burdens of extra security.
22	A Category 2 license appears to only have
23	additional security requirements and still does not
24	address the issue of the [inaudible] requirement.
25	That's the comment.
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1	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you, Carrie.
2	There's only one thing I heard in there.
3	You said something about eliminating Category 3.
4	That's not the case.
5	Is that right, Duncan?
6	MR. WHITE: That's correct. We're not
7	eliminating Category 3. Again, what we're
8	contemplating here and getting input on is should we
9	expand the requirement for source tracking and source
10	security for Category 3 sources, not trying to force
11	people into Category 2. That's not what we're doing.
12	We're looking to enhance Category 3 compared to what
13	we do now.
14	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
14 15	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you. I'm going to read on question 4, would
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1	(Pause.)
2	MR. SMITH: Okay. So we're on question 1.
3	So should Category 3 sources be included
4	in the NSTS? Please provide a rationale for your
5	answer.
6	Any comments here in the room?
7	(No response.)
8	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the web?
9	MS. EUSEBIO: Yes. I have one from Carrie
10	Crawford: After analyzing the reports, it appears
11	that there is an issue with the license vetting and
12	not security of the Category 3 business sites. That
13	is the issue that should be addressed.
14	Personally I am in full support of
15	increasing the application requirements for Category
16	3 sources. The KDHE is very diligent in vetting
17	process and working closely with the licensee to
18	ensure safety and adequate security for these minimal-
19	source user/owners.
20	MR. SMITH: Okay. That's the same
21	comment.
22	MR. WHITE: Yeah. Thank you for the
23	comment.
24	MR. SMITH: Right. Any comments here in
25	the room?

1	(No response.)
2	MR. SMITH: Hey, Tyler, again, if there's
3	anyone indicating that they could not get on the
4	webinar, so they'd like to make a comment, we'll try
5	to receive that over the phone line.
6	THE OPERATOR: Okay. [inaudible]
7	MR. SMITH: Stand by, Tyler. If you can
8	repeat your comment?
9	THE OPERATOR: Yes. We have Roland
10	Backhaus.
11	MR. BACKHAUS: This is Roland. How many
12	Category 3 sources are currently regulated by either
13	NRC or the agreement states?
14	MR. WHITE: This is Duncan White from the
15	NRC. We don't have an exact number of Category 3
16	sources. We think there we estimate there's
17	approximately 3600 licensees under NRC and agreement
18	state jurisdiction that have possess Category 3
19	quantities or are authorized to possess Category 3
20	quantities.
21	This is in addition to the 1400 licensees
22	that are authorized to possess Category 1 and 2
23	quantities of material.
24	As for the number of sources, we're really
25	not sure how many that number is, but certainly it's

1	greater than 3600, obviously, because some of them
2	would have multiple more than one source per
3	license, obviously.
4	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
5	Tyler, are there any other indications of
6	comments on the phone line?
7	THE OPERATOR: No further comments on the
8	phone line.
9	MR. TORRES: I'd like to make a quick
10	comment on this, just to answer this is Gamaliel
11	Torres again, with NSSI.
12	At least in our experiences with the NSTS,
13	we've found that there's a lot of back and forth to
14	correct the inventory. And so if we're adding a
15	multitude of more sources, we just think that's going
16	to multiply, and so, yes, that's our rationale for our
17	answer to decline on that.
18	MR. WHITE: So just as a follow-up
19	question, has this been your experience from Category
20	1 and 2 sources?
21	MR. TORRES: That is correct, because
22	especially since we're not the only ones inputting,
23	you know, the information there. DOE or other people
24	are going into our inventory.
25	MR. WHITE: Thank you.

1	MR. TORRES: Thank you.
2	MR. SMITH: Thank you. Any questions or
3	comments on the webinar?
4	MS. EUSEBIO: Yes. From William
5	Laurenson: They should not be included. No
6	justification on how this would improve security. No
7	history of issues regarding licensee accountability;
8	large financial burden on licensee.
9	MR. WHITE: Thank you for the comment.
10	MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you.
11	Any additional comments here in the room?
12	(No response.)
13	MR. SMITH: Tyler, are there indications
14	of comments on the phone line?
15	THE OPERATOR: No questions from the phone
16	line.
17	MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you.
18	So we're going to move on to question
19	number 2: If Category 3 sources are included in the
20	NSTS, should the NRC consider opposing the same
21	reporting requirements currently required for Category
22	1 and 2 sources?
23	And those requirements are under 10 CFR
24	20.2207(f).
25	Again, as you can see on the slides, we've

1	included a summary of the NSTS reporting requirements
2	in 10 CFR 10.2207(f), which was mentioned on the
3	earlier NSTS slides.
4	Any comments here in the room?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the web?
7	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the webinar.
8	MR. SMITH: Okay. Tyler, any indications
9	of comments on the phone line?
10	THE OPERATOR: No questions from the
11	phone.
12	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
13	As a reminder, this meeting is being
14	transcribed. I just want to let you know that.
15	So we'll wait a few seconds.
16	(Pause.)
17	MR. SMITH: Okay. We're going to move on
18	to slide 18. Okay. Question number 3: Should the
19	NRC consider alternatives to the current NSTS
20	reporting requirements for Category 1 and 2 sources to
21	increase the immediacy of information availability,
22	such as requiring the source transfer to be reported
23	prior to or on the same day as the source shipment
24	date?
25	Any comments here in the room?
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1	(No response.)
2	MR. SMITH: Any clarifying comments, Irene
3	or Duncan?
4	(No response.)
5	MR. SMITH: No?
6	MR. WHITE: No.
7	MR. SMITH: Okay. Great. Thanks.
8	Any indications of comments on the web?
9	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the webinar.
10	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
11	Tyler, any comments on the phone line?
12	THE OPERATOR: We do. We have one
13	question from Rick. Go ahead, Rick.
14	MR. JACOBI: I have one quick question.
15	For general licensees, if the distributor distributes
16	a device to a general licensee, it is required to
17	report that distribution on a quarterly basis on Form
18	653 or equivalent.
19	So this new distribution or tracking
20	system reporting system would simply require them
21	to do that more frequently? Is that or additional
22	reporting, twice as often 653 form?
23	MR. WHITE: This is Duncan White.
24	Currently Category 3 general license devices are
25	not would not are exempt from most regulations,

1	and we have received comments the question from the
2	individual was with regard to Category 3 generally
3	licensed devices, there is a reporting requirement
4	that the manufacturer report this on a quarterly basis
5	to the NRC or to the agreement state and also to the
6	agency where the source is going.
7	And the question was about reporting this
8	and how this would be affected by reporting this to
9	NSTS.
10	Currently Category 3 any generally
11	licensed device is exempt from most NRC regulations.
12	There's very few requirements. Just to point out, we
13	have received comments in other webinars and public
14	meetings about Category 3 sources and the need to
15	address them just like specifically licensed sources.
16	So in response to your question, we would
17	have to consider that in our evaluation.
18	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
19	Any comments further comments here in
20	the room?
21	(No response.)
22	MR. SMITH: Any indication of comments on
23	the webinar?
24	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the webinar.
25	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

1	Tyler, any additional comments on the
2	phone line?
3	THE OPERATOR: No further comments on the
4	phone line.
5	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you. So we'll go
6	on to question number 4: Would there be an increase
7	in safety and/or security if the regulations were
8	changed to include Category 3 sources in the NSTS? If
9	so, how much of an increase would there be?
10	Any comments here in the room?
11	(No response.)
12	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the web?
13	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the webinar.
14	MR. SMITH: Okay. Tyler, any indications
15	of comments on the phone line?
16	THE OPERATOR: Yes.
17	MR. BACKHAUS: Thank you. I want to
18	suggest to the panel or to the phone folks that it
19	might be that someone would have a follow-up question
20	based on responses from the NRC. So if you would, if
21	you'd please just ask if you have a follow-up, I could
22	imagine that someone would have a follow-up question
23	to Duncan's last answer, but I don't want to put words
24	into his mouth.
25	MR. SMITH: Oh, absolutely. Again, if

1	anyone have any follow-up questions, please indicate
2	that you have a follow-up question, and we will make
3	sure we'll be cognizant of that, to make sure we allow
4	you follow-up questions.
5	And just as a reminder, also, if there are
6	any questions that you have follow-up questions on
7	that we've already covered, you're welcome to revisit
8	that question and to provide us comments at any time.
9	So, again, if you have any follow-up
10	questions, please indicate it. We have a couple of
11	hours for this, that we've allotted for this meeting,
12	and we have a couple more for the second meeting.
13	So thank you for that comment, and so
14	we're going to move on. So indicate to Tyler if you
15	have a follow-up question.
16	So I think we have a question here on
17	comment or question on the web.
18	MS. EUSEBIO: This is from Sylvia Revel:
19	How would you propose to capture that information?
20	MR. SMITH: Did it clarify which
21	information?
22	MR. WHITE: The question I would have for
23	the individual, is that mean general license devices?
24	We'll wait a second and see if they respond back.
25	MR. SMITH: Okay. So if you can, respond

1	back on the web.
2	(Pause.)
3	MR. SMITH: While we are waiting, are
4	there any comments here in the room?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. SMITH: Tyler, is there anyone
7	indicating that they have a comment on the phone line?
8	THE OPERATOR: Yes.
9	MR. BACKHAUS: Thank you. I have a quick
10	follow-up question on question 1 and a follow-up
11	question for the one that Rick had just asked.
12	And that is if a specific licensee, for
13	example, is transferring Category 4 quantity material
14	to someone who has a that's only generally
15	licensed, how can that specific licensee, through the
16	license verification or otherwise, know how much
17	material that transfer had?
18	MR. SMITH: Okay. And also, Roland,
19	before I respond, what is your full name, and are you
20	representing any organization?
21	MR. BACKHAUS: I'm with Pillsbury.
22	MR. SMITH: Okay. Great. Thanks.
23	MR. WHITE: The individual asked a
24	question about if a someone was transferring a
25	Category 4 source to a general licensee, how would

they verify the information of what amount of material or the -- physically verify any information about the general licensee.

Just a couple of clarifications. The only way a general licensee could get a source per the regulations is it has to be transferred from a manufacturer to the general licensee, and as someone pointed out earlier, that transfer is reported quarterly to the regulatory agencies involved.

Technically you're not allowed to do that transfer unless it's a manufacturer to a general licensee. So that wouldn't be, technically, a legal transfer. But for a -- and one of the issues with general licensees, you know, regardless of category, you know, 3 through 5, again, is they are -- the requirement for a -- for someone to possess generally licensed Category 3 sources are pretty minimal, because they're receiving material that is almost always in a device. The device has certain security enhancements that allow someone to use it with minimal or no safety training. That's really the benefits of having a generally licensed device.

Then again, those -- the general licensee concept goes back several decades, and again, in the security stuff that we were talking about today,

1 license verification, source accountability, it's 2 relatively -- it's what we've been doing for the last 3 10 years or so. 4 So again, the general license system was 5 not designed and the regulations are not in place to handle license verification of things that we are 6 7 talking about today. So if we want to go forward with generally 8 licensed devices, we would have to modify how we look 9 10 at them to, you know, treat a Category 3 generally licensed device the same way we treat a Category 3 11 specifically licensed device. We could put them in 12 the same -- again, there's the same risk involved with 13 14 either -- it doesn't matter if it's a general license 15 or specific license; same risk involved with them. 16 We'd have to make changes to treat them in 17 the same way, again, if we make -- again, getting the input -- this is why we're asking for input, because, 18 19 again, this is good input we're getting on how do we handle, you know, generally licensed devices, and you 20 have to consider that. We appreciate the comment. 21 22 MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you. 23 Any follow-up comment on that? 24 (No response.) MR. SMITH: Any comments on the web? 25

1	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the webinar.
2	MR. SMITH: Okay. Tyler, any indication
3	of additional comments on the phone line?
4	THE OPERATOR: No additional comments
5	here.
6	MR. SMITH: Okay. Are there any comments
7	here in the room?
8	(No response.)
9	MR. SMITH: Okay. I'm going to question
10	number 5. Hey, and also, as a reminder, you know, if
11	we have gone over any questions that you'd like to
12	make comments on, please provide those comments. We
13	welcome any comments on any of the questions that
14	we've covered today, at any time during this meeting.
15	So question number 5: Is there anything
16	else we should consider as part of our evaluation of
17	including Category 3 sources in the NSTS?
18	Tyler, is there any indications of
19	comments on the phone line?
20	THE OPERATOR: No comments on the phone.
21	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the web?
22	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
23	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
24	Any comments here in the room?
25	(No response.)

1	MR. SMITH: Are there any additional
2	MR. WHITE: This is Duncan White. One of
3	the things that we heard at other webinars and public
4	meetings is, as an alternative, a couple of people
5	proposed that we that the Category 3 licensee would
6	report their inventory at some frequency, say,
7	semiannual or annually to the NRC or to the agreement
8	state, in lieu of doing NSTS.
9	Again, that was something that was offered
10	up by a couple of commenters, so if anyone in the room
11	or on the phone or on the web have any feedback on
12	that, we'd like to hear that, too.
13	MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you.
14	Any comments here in the room?
15	(No response.)
16	MR. SMITH: Tyler, any additional comments
17	there on the phone line?
18	THE OPERATOR: No questions on the phone.
19	MR. SMITH: Any indications of comments on
20	the web?
21	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the webinar.
22	MR. SMITH: Okay. So we'll give it a
23	couple of seconds, just to make sure those who make
24	comments on the web have an opportunity to present
25	those comments.

And, again, if you're on the phone line, 1 2 you can log into the web and state questions through the web, that would be great. We can hear you 3 4 on the phone lines, but we're having to go back and 5 forth to try to listen to the speakers, and we apologize for that. 6 7 And if you can't log into the web, that's perfectly fine. We'll get your question through the 8 9 phone. 10 We're going to move on to slide number 19, for question number 1. 11 Now, these are specific questions for licensees, related to license 12 verification per the FRN. 13 14 However, we welcome all stakeholders' comments. We like to hear all perspectives related to 15 that questions. So if you're not a licensee, that's 16 17 fine. Any comment that you may have, we welcome those comments, both here in the room, the phone line, or on 18 19 the webinar. 20 So question number 1: It currently takes approximately one month to get credentialed to access 21 If you currently do not have online access to 22 LVS. LVS and NRC establishes new requirements for license 23

radioactive material, will you be inclined to sign up

verification involving Category 3 quantities

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1	for online access, or would you use alternative
2	methods for license verification, such as emailing the
3	NRC Form 749, which is the manual license verification
4	report, to the LVS help desk, or call the license
5	issuing regulatory authority directly?
6	Are there any comments here in the room?
7	(No response.)
8	MR. SMITH: Any indication of comments on
9	the web?
10	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the webinar.
11	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
12	Tyler, any indications of comments on the
13	phone line?
14	THE OPERATOR: No comments on the phone
15	line.
16	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you. We'll give
17	it a couple of seconds.
18	MR. WHITE: This is Duncan White again.
19	Some feedback we received at other webinars and public
20	meetings was people who would use it infrequently,
21	say, someone who would do like one transfer a year,
22	they would probably use the help desk and not do it
23	electronically.
24	Or a couple of people indicated they would
25	have to do if they could do it more often, they

1	would probably do it electronically because, again, it
2	would be easier to do it that way.
3	That's the kind of feedback we've been
4	getting so far.
5	MR. SMITH: Thank you, Duncan.
6	Again, we'll give it a couple of seconds,
7	and we'll move on to the next question if there's no
8	other comments for question number 1.
9	(Pause.)
10	MR. SMITH: Tyler, any indications of
11	questions on the phone comments?
12	THE OPERATOR: Still no questions on the
13	phone.
14	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the web?
15	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the webinar.
16	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
17	Any additional comments here in the room?
18	(No response.)
19	MR. SMITH: Okay. So we're going to move
20	on to the second question. So question number 2 on
21	slide 20: Approximately how many transfers involving
22	Category 3 quantities of radioactive material do you
23	do monthly? What percentage involve transfers
24	directly to/from a manufacturer?
25	Again, for this question we welcome all
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1	comments from all stakeholders. We like to get all
2	perspectives on these questions, so please provide
3	your comments if you're a licensee or not.
4	Any comments here in the room?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. SMITH: Any indications of comments on
7	the web?
8	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the webinar.
9	MR. SMITH: Okay.
LO	Tyler, any comments on the phone line?
L1	THE OPERATOR: Yes, we have Roland.
L2	MR. BACKHAUS: Hi. I just had a comment
L3	related on what Duncan referred to as previous
L4	comments that the NRC has received related to a more
L5	lenient reporting period for Category 3 transfers.
L6	And I'd like to suggest that if tracking
L7	Category 3 is important, the NRC ought to track
L8	Category 3. And if it's not important, then the NRC
L9	ought to stop tracking Category 3.
20	But it seems to me that a problem is
21	introduced by having a lenient reporting period during
22	which additional transfers could be made against the
23	license. In the long run I'm not sure of the
24	benefits.
25	MR. SMITH: Any comments on that, Duncan?

1	MR. WHITE: Yeah. The individual
2	indicated that if NRC thinks it's important to track
3	Category 3 at any level, even in a more lenient way,
4	we should just do it not do it that way; either do
5	it or not do it, you know. Do it the way we would do
6	other ones or not do it at all. And that's basically
7	what the individual was saying.
8	Again, we appreciate the feedback on that.
9	Again, that was we were looking for other ways of
10	trying to capture and track what's out there with
11	Category 3 sources, and that's really what the intent
12	of the question was, so I appreciate the feedback on
13	that one.
14	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
15	And, Roland, if you have any additional or
16	any follow-up comments, we'd entertain them at this
17	point.
18	MR. BACKHAUS: No, that's it. Thank you.
19	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
20	MS. EUSEBIO: I have a comment.
21	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the webinar?
22	MS. EUSEBIO: Yes. I have one from Rick
23	Jacobi: Generally I think the LVS would be an
23	Jacobi: Generally I think the LVS would be an improvement in the license verification process. I

1	requirement.
2	MS. WU: Thank you for the comment.
3	MR. SMITH: Okay. We do have a comment
4	here in the room?
5	MR. RINCON: Yes. Carlos Rincon with
6	NSSI. On number 2, on the quantities for the monthly,
7	it could be anywhere pertaining to our company,
8	could be anywhere from 10 to 30 items going or coming
9	into our facility, and it would be from licensee to
10	licensee; it wouldn't be to a manufacturer.
11	MR. WHITE: Thank you for the feedback.
12	We appreciate it.
13	MR. SMITH: All right. Thank you.
14	Tyler, any additional comments on the
15	phone line?
16	THE OPERATOR: No.
17	MR. SMITH: Great. Thanks.
18	If there are no additional comments, then
19	we'll go on to question number 3. And, again, if you
20	have any additional comments on any of the questions
21	that we have covered, we welcome those comments at any
22	time.
23	So question number 3: Should license
24	verification be required when transferring to an
25	established manufacturer?

1	Any comments here in the room?
2	(No response.)
3	MR. WHITE: This is Duncan White. Earlier
4	during this webinar and meeting, a couple of people
5	did allude to the fact that if someone if we know
6	someone is an established manufacturer, that should be
7	good enough. I think someone people did make that
8	comment.
9	So this question does get to that, but if
10	we get any additional feedback on that, again, it
11	would be appreciated.
12	MR. SMITH: Great.
13	Tyler, any additional comments on the
14	phone line?
15	THE OPERATOR: No additional comments on
16	the phone.
17	MR. SMITH: Any indication on comments on
18	the web?
19	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
20	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
21	We'll wait a couple of seconds.
22	(Pause.)
23	MR. SMITH: Okay. We'll go on to question
24	number 4: Do you have online access to LVS? If so,
25	have you experienced any issues with LVS? Do you have

1	any recommendations on how to improve LVS?
2	Any comments here in the room?
3	(No response.)
4	MR. SMITH: Do we have anyone here in the
5	room that use LVS?
6	(No response.)
7	MR. SMITH: No?
8	MR. TORRES: Rarely.
9	MR. SMITH: Tyler, any indications of
10	comments on the phone?
11	THE OPERATOR: No comments on the phone.
12	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
13	Any comments on the web?
14	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
15	MR. WHITE: This is Duncan White. In
16	trying to I'm trying to recall if we had any
17	feedback from other at other webinars and public
18	meetings about LVS or not, and I don't recall anything
19	specific that came up.
20	MR. SMITH: Okay. Irene has a question.
21	MS. WU: This is Irene Wu, NRC. I do
22	recall it wasn't feedback on LVS per se, but it we
23	did get some feedback on the time frame in which you
24	have to perform the license verification, so we did
25	have several people give us feedback, asking for a

1 specific time frame ahead of the transfer and when it needed to be done. 2 3 MR. SMITH: Now, because you do not use 4 LVS frequently, you wouldn't understand how Category 5 3 would affect that as far as having online access to 6 it? 7 MR. TORRES: Gamaliel Torres with NSSI. In regards to your question, we've only used LVS when 8 9 we've made large shipments to a disposal site, with 10 WCS, but setting the limits to Category 3 threshold would require us to use it at a definitely much more 11 frequent interval. 12 13 MR. SMITH: Okay. Great. 14 MR. TORRES: It would definitely require 15 us to use it much more frequently between -- almost on 16 a daily basis between our customers. 17 MR. WHITE: Don't run away. What's your experience been with LVS when you have used it? 18 19 you have any comments? 20 We did the paper way the MR. TORRES: first time last year. Nothing online yet. But we're 21 approved with the NSTS; we have our PIN and token, so 22 it would just be an extra permission to request --23 24 MR. WHITE: Right. So we would go the online 25 MR. TORRES:

1 way. 2 MR. WHITE: Thanks. 3 MR. TORRES: Thank you. 4 MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you very much. 5 Tyler, any indications of additional comments on the phone line? 6 7 THE OPERATOR: No comments on the phone. MR. SMITH: Again, if you are on the phone 8 line or if you're on the web, we would like to hear 9 your experiences with LVS. And I think we've gotten 10 that feedback before that some used the paper as 11 opposed to online access. 12 So -- and that's interesting also, that if 13 14 Category 3 were -- if you were to use online access 15 for Category 3, would that affect how your organization? That's the type feedback we're looking 16 for. 17 So if you're on a phone line or if you're 18 on the web, please provide that feedback. And we'll 19 give it a couple of seconds. 20 (Pause.) 21 MR. SMITH: Okay. We're going to move on 22 to slide 21, question 1 -- so, again, these questions 23 24 are specific for licensees related to the NSTS per the

However, we do welcome all comments, if you're

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licensees or not, if you're a licensee or not. We would like all perspectives on these questions, so please provide some comments if you have a point of view you'd like for us to capture.

So question number 1: It currently takes approximately one month to get credentialed to access NSTS. If you currently do not have online access to NSTS and NRC establishes new requirements for the tracking of Category 3 sources in the NSTS, would you be inclined to sign up for online access or would you use alternative methods for NSTS reporting, such as emailing or faxing the NRC Form 748, National Source Transaction Report, to the NSTS help desk?

Because it's a lot of information, Irene or Duncan, could you guys provide any sort of specifics that -- to complement this question?

MS. WU: Okay. Irene Wu, NRC. So this question is really driving at, you know, the number of transactions that you do. So, again, a reminder that transactions here are manufacturing sources, importing sources, transferring, receiving, exporting, disposing, or disassembling of sources.

So different than license verification, which is, again, just done prior to the transfer, reporting to the NSTS Category 1 and 2 sources, is

1 done for all of those transactions by close business the following day. 2 3 So based on your volume of transactions, 4 that's usually what dictates whether people want to 5 sign up for the online and direct method of reporting to NSTS or by using the paper, emailing, faxing of the 6 7 Form 748. 8 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Irene. 9 Any additional comments here in the room? 10 (No response.) MR. SMITH: Tyler, any additional comments 11 on the phone line? 12 THE OPERATOR: Yes. We have Rick Jacobi. 13 14 MR. JACOBI: This is difficult for me. I 15 have questions -- a comment; I think it's a question, 16 and it also relates to the question 1 here. I just --17 it seems to me that anytime I can do something electronically, it's much easier and much more 18 19 efficient for me. And the questions you have about do people 20 prefer to do it by email or fax or postal service, I'm 21 just curious, is NRC pushing back going to electronic 22 reporting? It seems to me the prudent thing. 23 24 WHITE: Rick was asking why we're 25 asking this question: Is NRC -- basically his

question gets to the part of the fact that, you know, 1 what's our experience? Do people want to do paper 2 3 because they don't want to sign up? Rick thinks if 4 you sign up for it, it will be easier. 5 Just to give a little background on what this question also -- where this comes from, when NRC 6 7 first started using NSTS, there was -- we did offer a 8 online version, but there was some issues and problems 9 with it, and we had to overcome them. 10 And, aqain, with Category 1 quantities of material, there was a certain -- there 11 was, you know, a -- for everyone there was a learning 12 curve involved with doing that; you know, how to make 13 14 the system work better, and we worked through some 15 stuff, you know, on the NRC side and certainly with 16 the licensees. Again, people who had large numbers of 17 transfers were pushing against, you know, to do this 18 19 electronically as best and easy as possible. And the reason for asking the question 20 here regarding the Category 3 is, again, the number of 21 Category 3 licensees, if we go forward and implement 22 this and put -- and change the rules that do this. 23 24 We're basically tripling --

tripling the number of licensees that would have to do

this, so it would be quite a -- a lot of people would 1 have to possibly do this. 2 3 Some people may already do it for other 4 things and would just continue doing it, but some 5 people -- like for people who maybe just have HDRs only or only well loggers, they would never have done 6 7 this before, and there may be, again, a learning 8 curve. So we're certainly looking for feedback 9 along those lines of how people would do this. 10 again, we ask these questions from a perspective of 11 12 through in 2009, 2010, you know, what we went learning. 13 14 MS. WU: This is Irene Wu with the NRC. I'll also add, a big part of what we're going to be 15 16 doing is doing a cost-benefit analysis, and so the feedback we get here, if people are telling us that 17 more people will be doing -- more inclined to do 18 19 emails and faxes versus direct online reporting, that helps us estimate costs for NRC in terms of the 20 contractor support to upload that information into 21 NSTS and provide user support. 22 23 Rick, are you still there? MR. SMITH: 24 MR. JACOBI: Yeah, I'm here. 25 MR. SMITH: Now, do you have any

experiences yourself with the NSTS that you'd like to share?

MR. JACOBI: Not specifically with NSTS, but, you know, when you transfer specifically licensed material to another person, you know, you have to verify that they're licensed to receive it, you know, early on.

You know, if there was a database, an electronic system, it just seems to me that would be much more efficient and much more reliable. And I'm just having trouble myself understanding why anyone would object to doing it electronically.

MR. SMITH: You know, I think I've heard some comments in the past that with the amount of transactions, some choose not to use the electronic process. I don't know if anyone here in the room have that experience. That may be the case.

MR. TORRES: Hello. Gamaliel Torres of NSSI. Mine may be more of a question than a statement. It seems it's easy to verify your inventory if it doesn't change, online, super simple. But if you do have changes -- and people were doing it incorrectly, but if you do have -- if your inventory does change from year to year, you know, in Category 1, Category 2, you still have to print it out, and you

1 still have to submit the changes, you know, of the other means, not necessarily online. 2 3 So it seems to me if somebody who has a 4 large number of transactions, online is not the most 5 conducive way to submit those changes or track those 6 changes. 7 MR. SMITH: Okay. Great. Good comment. 8 Any additional follow-up, Rick? 9 Thank you very much. MR. JACOBI: No. 10 MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you. I think we do have a comment on the web. 11 MS. EUSEBIO: This is from John Hageman: 12 Question 2, for transfer or disposal of multiple 13 14 sources, the process should be expedited by using a 15 batch-entering method. 16 MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you for the 17 comment. Hi. Sandra Jimenez from MS. JIMENEZ: 18 19 M.D. Anderson. This is just a comment. MR. SMITH: Okay. Great. 20 MS. JIMENEZ: So I've used the NSTS for 21 annual verification, but yet there's still the option 22 to use the email or the fax. And I tend to just go 23 24 with the email, even though I've gone online, you know, and submitted that way. But I tend to still 25

want to go to the email, for some reason, I don't 1 know. 2 3 So maybe it's just because the option is 4 still there and people are more comfortable with using 5 the email option. It's just an easier route. MR. SMITH: Thank you very much. 6 Okay. 7 Any additional comments on the telephone 8 line? 9 THE OPERATOR: Go ahead. The line's open. 10 MR. BACKHAUS: Thank you. I'd like to just offer that one of the unintended consequences of 11 tripling the number of your potential -- probably 12 greatly increasing your number of transactions which 13 14 would be recorded and interactions to LVS is that it 15 might that some of the companies that are doing this 16 national report or otherwise doing more verification, 17 and it might be that where now one or two people might be responsible for doing those checks, we'll call it, 18 19 if the volume increases significantly, there might be that the companies, you know, apply to get more 20 credentialed people. 21 And I think there's no limit of the number 22 of credentialed individuals per company, and so it 23 24 might be that rather than improve the accountability

and security, it could be that the sheer number of

1	folks that are involved in the process within the
2	companies that do these transactions might
3	inadvertently muddy the waters, might create
4	difficulties, cause problems.
5	I offer that as an observation related to
6	tripling the number, you know, probably drastically
7	increasing the number of interactions with the system.
8	MR. SMITH: Thank you. Really appreciate
9	your comments there, Roland.
10	Any additional comments here in the room?
11	(No response.)
12	MR. SMITH: Are there any follow-up
13	questions on the telephone phone line there, Tyler?
14	THE OPERATOR: No, sir. No questions.
15	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
16	Any additional comments or questions on
17	the web?
18	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
19	MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you.
20	So we're going to go on to question number
21	2. So a couple of just want to make sure everyone
22	understands that any of the questions we have covered,
23	we can always go back and receive those comments. We
24	appreciate those comments. And also this meeting is
25	being transcribed.

1	Also we'd like to remind you not to
2	provide any kind of specific information: facilities,
3	any safeguards information, any kind of classified
4	information with your comments.
5	So question number 2: Do you have online
6	access to NSTS? If so, have you experienced any
7	issues with NSTS? Do you have any recommendations on
8	how to improve NSTS?
9	Any comments here in the room?
10	(No response.)
11	MR. SMITH: It appeared that some
12	stakeholders feel that there's a little redundancies
13	there in the NSTS and in providing some of the
14	information by email, so maybe that should be
15	captured.
16	Any comments, Tyler, on the telephone
17	line?
18	THE OPERATOR: No questions.
19	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the web?
20	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
21	MR. SMITH: Okay. We'll give it a couple
22	of seconds. Maybe some other folks are trying to give
23	comments on the web.
24	(Pause.)
25	MR. SMITH: Okay. We're going to move on

1 to slide 22. So, again, these questions are specific questions for agreement states related to license 2 3 verification per the Federal Register notice. 4 But, again, we like to emphasize the fact that we would like to receive comments from all 5 6 stakeholders, any perspective that you may have. 7 you're not an agreement state regulator, we would 8 still like to receive your comments if you have 9 perspective on the next set of questions. 10 So question number 1: Approximately how many licenses do you authorize for Category 1, 2, and 11 3 quantities of radioactive material? 12 I think we do have some -- we've gotten 13 14 some feedback on that, Duncan and Irene? 15 MR. WHITE: Yeah. It varies from 16 agreement state to agreement state, from information 17 we have received. Again, some agreement states have a larger number of industrial licensees or a large 18 19 number of medical licensees in their states, and their numbers proportionate to the total number of licensees 20 they have would vary. 21 So one reason for asking this guestion is 22 because we recognize every agreement state's not the 23 24 same, there's not the same ratio. So this is why we're asking for that feedback and input. 25

1	MR. SMITH: Great.
2	Any comments here in the room?
3	(No response.)
4	MR. SMITH: Tyler, any additional comments
5	on the telephone line?
6	THE OPERATOR: (No response.)
7	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the web?
8	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
9	MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you.
10	So we'll give it a couple of seconds.
11	(Pause.)
12	MR. SMITH: Okay. We'll go to question
13	number 2: If license verification through the LVS or
14	the transferee's license issuing authority is required
15	for transfers involving Category 3 quantities of
16	radioactive material, would you encourage the use of
17	LVS among your licensees or plan for additional burden
18	imposed by the manual license verification process?
19	Any comments here in the room?
20	(No response.)
21	MR. SMITH: Any clarifying remarks?
22	MR. WHITE: We received feedback from both
23	agreement states and from licensees that this would
24	obviously be an increased burden, and some a couple
25	of comments from licensees included that they felt

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1	they don't their agreement states was already
2	challenged by resources, and this is just imposes
3	more undue burden on the resources of the state.
4	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
5	Tyler, any additional comments on the
6	phone line?
7	THE OPERATOR: (No audible response.)
8	MR. SMITH: I'm sorry, Tyler. I didn't
9	hear your response.
10	THE OPERATOR: No questions from the phone
11	line.
12	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
13	Any additional comments on the web?
14	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
15	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
16	We'll give it a couple of seconds.
17	(Pause.)
18	MR. SMITH: Okay. We're going to go to
19	slide 23, question number 3: So if license
20	verification through the LVS or the transferee's
21	license issuing authority is required for transfers
22	involving Category 3 quantities of radioactive
23	material, would you consider adopting the web-based
24	licensing, WBL, to ensure that the most up-to-date
25	licenses are available for license verification

1	through the LVS or voluntarily provide your Category
2	3 licenses, similar to what some agreement states do
3	now for Category 1 and 2 licenses to be included in
4	WBL, or would you do neither and prefer licensees to
5	use the manual license verification process?
6	Any clarifying remarks on this?
7	MS. WU: This is Irene Wu, NRC. In
8	previous public meetings and webinars, we did get some
9	feedback from the states that they would voluntarily
10	provide their Category 3 licenses to be included in
11	WBL.
12	MR. SMITH: Thank you, Irene.
13	Any comments here in the room?
14	(No response.)
15	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
16	Tyler, any additional comments on the
17	telephone line?
18	THE OPERATOR: No comments from the phone.
19	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the web?
20	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
21	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
22	We'll give it a couple of seconds.
23	(Pause.)
24	MR. SMITH: Okay. We're going to question
25	number 4. Again, these are specific questions for
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_	agreement states related to license verification per
2	the Federal Register notice, but we would like all
3	comments from any stakeholders, regardless if you're
4	agreement state, a regulator, or not.
5	Question 4: What would the impact in time
6	and resources be on your program to handle the
7	additional regulatory oversight needed for Category 3
8	licensees if license verification through the LVS or
9	the transferee's license-issuing authority was
10	required for transfers involving Category 3 quantities
11	of radioactive material?
12	Any agreement state stakeholders would
13	like to make any comments?
14	(No response.)
15	MR. SMITH: Put you on the spot.
16	Any other stakeholders in the room like to
17	make any comments?
18	(No response.)
19	MR. SMITH: Anyone on the telephone line
20	would like to make any comments?
21	THE OPERATOR: No comments on the phone.
22	MR. SMITH: Any stakeholders on the web
23	would like to make any comments?
24	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
25	MR. SMITH: Okay. Again, we would really

like to emphasize the fact that we're looking for all perspectives on these questions, so if you'd like to make comments, please do.

And if there are any questions that we've covered that you'd like to make comments, we'd welcome those comments also.

Okay. We're going to the next question 1 on slide 25. And these are specific questions for agreement states related to the NSTS per the *Federal Register* notice. But, again, you know, we would like comments from all stakeholders related to these questions.

Question 1: The NRC currently administers the annual inventory reconciliation process on behalf of the agreement states. This process involves providing hard copy inventory to every licensee that possesses nationally tracked sources at the end of the year. Processing corrections to inventories and processing confirmations of completion of the reconciliations into the NSTS, the process involves a significant amount of staff time and resources from November to February.

If the agreement states were to adopt administration of the annual inventory reconciliation process and if Category 3 sources were included in the

1	NSTS, what would the additional regulatory burden be
2	on agreement states to perform the annual inventory
3	reconciliation for Category 1, 2, and 3 sources?
4	And, again, we're looking for comments
5	from all stakeholders relating to this question.
6	Any stakeholder comments here in the room?
7	(No response.)
8	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the web?
9	(No response.)
10	MR. SMITH: No comments on the web?
11	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
12	MR. SMITH: Any comments on the phone
13	line?
14	THE OPERATOR: No comments on the phone
15	line.
16	MR. SMITH: Okay. We'll stand by for a
17	couple of seconds.
18	(Pause.)
19	MR. SMITH: Okay. We'll move on to other
20	questions. So these are the last set of questions.
21	Question 1: Should physical security
22	requirements for Category 1 and 2 quantities of
23	radioactive material be expanded to include Category
24	3 quantities?
25	Irene, I think we've gotten quite a few

1	comments on this?
2	MS. WU: Yeah. Irene Wu, NRC. So in the
3	past public meetings and webinars, some of the
4	feedback we received on this was that we should not be
5	expanded physical security requirements for Category
6	1 and 2 quantities to include Category 3.
7	MR. SMITH: So we do have a comment here
8	in the room.
9	MS. JIMENEZ: Sandra Jimenez, M.D.
10	Anderson. I would agree. No. This is for those
11	that already have Cat 1 and Cat 2, they have already
12	had the administrative burden on them as well as the
13	cost for maintaining these systems, as well as
14	security that also has to be included, working with
15	the local PD.
16	Now adding an additional category will
17	also add more financial burden and more administrative
18	burden. So it just I don't see I don't know of
19	any past Category 3 type of emergencies that would
20	require such security safeguards in place.
21	So I don't agree with this.
22	MR. SMITH: So you believe the security of
23	the current requirements are adequate?
24	MS. JIMENEZ: Just not for Category 3.

MR. SMITH: And that's what I'm asking:

1	For Category 3 do you believe those current
2	requirements for Category 3 are adequate, so you
3	shouldn't have to add
4	MS. JIMENEZ: Well, there is already some
5	security involvement with sources in general. Now, if
6	you want to be more specific in terms of how you want
7	those sources secured without having to add the
8	additional security requirements already in place for
9	Category 1 and 2, that might be an option to look
10	into.
11	So I know you don't specifically state how
12	they have to be secured, other than it has to be
13	secured. That's some additional comments that could
14	be made for that.
15	MR. SMITH: So you're speaking
16	specifically security requirements for Category 3.
17	MS. JIMENEZ: Yes.
18	MR. SMITH: Okay.
19	MR. WHITE: I have a follow-up question
20	for you. Don't run away.
21	One of the requirements under Part 37 is
22	for T&R.
23	MS. JIMENEZ: Yes.
24	MR. WHITE: And what would be the
25	increased burden for doing T&R for Cat 3, say your
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1	facility?
2	MS. JIMENEZ: My facility's quite large,
3	so we have both medical and research type Cat 1 and
4	Cat 2 already in place, so this would be more of an
5	issue for clinical areas, and added T&R, which is
6	already a full-time job for most people.
7	Luckily for us, we have, you know, human
8	resources that do help us out with this, but for a lot
9	of other smaller institutions, it's the RSO that's
10	having to help with this type of security process.
11	MR. WHITE: What you're saying is you have
12	a much larger number of people you would have to
13	process than you do now.
14	MS. JIMENEZ: Currently with the large
15	program that we already have in place.
16	MR. WHITE: So you're just piling on more
17	burden, is what you're saying, then.
18	MS. JIMENEZ: Right.
19	MR. WHITE: Okay.
20	MS. JIMENEZ: You know, the program is
21	there, it's functioning. This is now just
22	MR. WHITE: Processing a lot more people
23	now.
24	MS. JIMENEZ: Yes.
25	MR. WHITE: Okay.

1 MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you very much. Any additional comments on the 2 Tyler? 3 We do have Rick 4 THE OPERATOR: Yes. 5 Jacobi. Go ahead, Rick. 6 7 MR. JACOBI: I asked earlier if you had a device that had, let's say, 500 millicuries of cesium-8 9 137 per device, but you had 10 to 12 of these devices, 10 you're now exceeding the Category threshold -- I asked earlier if you would have to have 11 a physical security program, and I thought the answer 12 earlier was no, although I think the rules of the 13 14 proposal, the answer should be yes. 15 So is the answer yes or no, I quess? I was thinking about if we 16 MR. WHITE: 17 went to Category 3, again -- and we're talking today about talking about license 18 we're 19 verifications, we're talking about source security and source accountability, and then we're talking about 20 physical security requirements; talking about three 21 different things are covered by different parts of the 22 regulation. 23 24 So in this particular case we're asking

about the physical security, we're talking about Part

1 37, should we apply Category 3 -- to Category 3 2 sources -- treat them the same way as you do Category 3 1 and 2, which means that they would have to meet all 4 the requirements under Part 37, all the physical 5 requirements. So, again, it would be -- the amount of 6 7 material you would have -- if you had a Category 3 8 quantity of material and you were -- and that's what 9 you possessed, you would have to meet Part 10 requirements if we made changes to the regulation. So that's how we answered the question 11 12 earlier, and, again, the same answer still applies here: If you have Category 3 quantities of materials 13 14 and we change the regulations that you have to meet Part 37 requirements, yes, you would have to do that. 15 16 MR. JACOBI: Okay. must 17 misunderstood you earlier. But a follow-up to that is you have a license to have, say, 10 devices containing 18 19 500 millicuries cesium-137, and you actually only possess two of these devices, so that you're actually 20 in possession of less than the Category 3 quantity, 21 but you're authorized to possess more than a Category 22 3 quantity, you have to have a Part 37 physical 23 24 security program. Is that correct? MR. WHITE: The actual amount of material 25

you possess, do you have to follow Part 37 or not? 1 in your scenario you have two sources but which do not 2 3 meet -- didn't rise to the level of, say, if we went 4 to Part 37 with Category 3, you would not have to do 5 that. Although you are authorized under your license to have 6 7 Category 3 quantities, you actually don't possess it, 8 therefore, you do not have to follow physical security 9 requirements. 10 Again, that's what applies to Category 1 and 2 now, so you use the same requirements there. 11 12 MR. JACOBI: Okay. Thank you. Also, for clarity, it would 13 MR. SMITH: 14 make a difference where the material is located. 15 that correct? So if it's aggregated in one location, 16 would the requirements apply? 17 MR. WHITE: Absolutely. That's another thing that we take into account, again. If the 18 19 materials is not -- is colocated, then it would -- the aggregate material, 20 potential to from risk standpoint, if they are not colocated, say, they're 21 stored or, you know, used in separate buildings, then 22 there would not be the requirements for physical 23 24 security that come in Part 37. So that is taken into

account.

1 MR. SMITH: Okay. One more comment for 2 clarification. So we talked about Category 1 and 2 3 meeting Part 37 requirements, so if Category 3 4 added to Part 37, that process will go through 5 rulemaking, and at that time it will be decided what type of physical security requirements are required? 6 7 MR. WHITE: Absolutely. Again, this is -again, we're collecting information now to do this, 8 9 we're looking for people's input on this. Again, as 10 talked about in the beginning part, introductory comments, the Commission asked us in the 11 SRM to basically throw a pretty wide net, look at a 12 lot of different things, and this is one of the things 13 14 that we want to ask about, is, again, we are asking 15 about license verification, accountability, 16 asking about tracking, you know, source security, but 17 we're also asking about -- we're just taking it one step further and asking about physical security. 18 19 Again, the Commission wants us to look at a pretty broad spectrum when it comes to Cat 3; it's 20 very clear that that's what they want us to do, asking 21 this particular question as part of this. 22 23

And to be very clear, George, we would have to go through rulemaking, again, and do an analysis and do that, again, get any input -- again,

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this is the reason I asked the woman from M.D. Anderson about what was the impact if she had to go to Cat 3 with T&R.

She would have -- although she has a system in place to handle it, she would have a much larger number of people; that's a resource impact for her particular facility.

And, again, this would be for -- you know, if we went to this -- for any of the facilities if we went to include Category 3 in Part 37. And this is one thing we're looking for, is what is the actual impact; what's the dollars-and-cents impact? What's the impact of that?

And that's another thing that we're looking for, because that helps inform us in how, you know, we look at the recommendations.

And, again, in August, when this paper goes up, it's going to make recommendations on our path forward. Again, we may say to do certain things, and since we're asking the question about Category 3 in Part 37, you know, feedback we've gotten so far has been no different here than anywhere else, and the answer is no. They don't see the benefit for it. That's something we'll certainly let the Commission know, and we'll make our recommendations based on

1 that. 2 But, again, to actually do this, there's several -- many steps and probably several years away 3 4 from doing it, if we do do it at all. 5 MR. SMITH: Okay. Great. Really appreciate that. 6 7 We do have a comment here in the room -oh, before -- and I apologize for this. 8 9 Rick, do you have any follow-up comments 10 on that? MR. JACOBI: Follow-up comments? 11 in the oil and gas industry in Texas, 12 that distribute devices used 13 companies 14 industry, metering devices, for instance, may have an individual device that only has 2- or 300 millicuries 15 of cesium-137 in it. 16 17 But the distributor, at his location, might have a warehouse where he's got nine, ten, or 18 19 twelve of these sitting in the warehouse and ready to be distributed, either imported or exported, 20 distributed domestically. 21 And so he would exceed, I would think, the 22 Category 3 quantity in the aggregate, but once he sold 23 24 them -- and I'm kind of getting to guestion number 2

Once that goes to the general licensee, the

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general licensee might also possess, you know, 15 or 20 of those devices and some would be sunk in the Gulf of Mexico, or some would be in pipelines offshore, and some would be in warehouses, so that they would be distributed and not aggregated all in one place.

But it would be easy, and I think it would be common for general licensees that have Category 3 quantities on their license, that many might actually possess Category 3 quantities in aggregate, even though the individual device is low.

And then the distributor certainly would, I think, exceed the Category 3 quantity. That's kind of where I'm coming from in all this. I think there's commercial implications of this proposed -- of this proposal.

MR. WHITE: Yeah. Thanks for the input on that. Again, the distributor, the people who have the stuff sitting in the warehouse, as you said, they would probably have a specific license, because you have to have a specific license in order to distribute to a general licensee. That's a requirement of the NRC or an agreement state.

But, again, appreciate the feedback about, you know, general licensees having several of these sources and potentially having Category 3 quantity.

1 Appreciate that feedback. 2 Let me just say quickly I MR. JACOBI: 3 understand that they currently don't have physical 4 security requirements. And I appreciate the comment 5 that the physical security requirements would be more or less what's targeted for the Cat 1, Cat 2 based on 6 7 further deliberations. Thank you. That's right. 8 MR. WHITE: If they're 9 currently Category 3 licensees, you're not required to 10 follow Part 37. Again, they have to follow the security and safety requirements of Part 20 and, 11 again, a licensee might be a radiographer, Part 34; 12 well loggers, Part 39; someone medical, Part 35. 13 14 MR. SMITH: Okay. We're coming up on 15 the -- I'm showing almost -- it's five o'clock now. 16 We're not going to end it right now. We would like 17 for you to stay around, and we're almost to the end of the questions. 18 19 And, you know, we've had some technical difficulties, and so we hope that you will give us an 20 opportunity to finish the questions, but, again, if 21 you are not able to stay past five o'clock, you know, 22 you can submit your comments via the web or through 23 the mail or online. 24

All right.

We do have a comment here.

1 MR. O'DONEL: Rob O'Donel, Suntrac 2 So the -- if this goes through, Category 3 Services. 3 not only as single source but as aggregate at a 4 facility, okay, if the facility secures the sources 5 similar to the current increased security patrol requirements and they're essentially below the -- I 6 mean, they would secure all of their sources -- then 7 8 would they be exempt from Part 37? 9 MR. WHITE: Again, same rules would apply 10 again. If they kept the material separated and it was not aggregated, yeah, that is correct. 11 Again, we would apply the same rules we apply now for Cat 1 and 12 2 we would apply to Category 3; we'd do the same 13 14 thing. But I also should point out, too, that we 15 are looking for any feedback on how we look at 16 17 aggregation and -- because, again, that was one of the specific comments or tasks from the Commission, was to 18 19 look at that. So we'll take that into account. 20 So just as a follow-up question, would -- what you're saying -- or let me know, do you 21 think we should maintain the same aggregation rules as 22 we currently do now? Is that what you're getting at? 23 24 Or you think we should change them, or you want to think about it? 25

1	MR. O'DONEL: If you can continue to
2	interpret aggregation how
3	MR. WHITE: How we're doing it now?
4	MR. O'DONEL: Yeah.
5	MR. WHITE: Okay. Thank you.
6	MR. O'DONEL: And I'll leave it at that.
7	So I'd like to add something that Sandra
8	said. I mean, her facility would be increasing the
9	number of people that go through the T&R. By putting
10	Category 3 quantities you know, including them in
11	Part 37, facilities that are currently not doing T&R
12	and have no idea what T&R is and some of these
13	facilities are large, maybe upwards of 8,000 people
14	that have access badges and unescorted access to these
15	sources, you know, mainly fixed gauges in the
16	petrochemical industry.
17	So it would be a huge impact to those
18	facilities.
19	MR. WHITE: Thanks for the input.
20	Appreciate it.
21	MS. LONDON: Can you all hear me? This is
22	Lisa London from the NRC.
23	MR. SMITH: We can hear you.
24	MS. LONDON: Okay. I wanted to clarify
25	something I had heard. I know that Duncan was talking

1	about the Part 37 rules and how they would conceivably
2	apply to Category 3, should the Commission decide to
3	take such action.
4	I wanted to clarify that we would imagine
5	it would apply as they do to Cat 1 and Cat 2, but
6	that's yet to be determined, and it would be up to the
7	Commission.
8	MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you very much.
9	Any additional comments here in the room?
10	(No response.)
11	MR. SMITH: Any additional comments on the
12	phone line?
13	THE OPERATOR: Yes. One question.
14	Go ahead, Roland.
15	MR. BACKHAUS: Thank you. I heard three
16	different elements in response to Rick's question
17	regarding the extent to which oil and gas industry,
18	for example, would need to comply with Part 37. I
19	think I heard a license, which is to say that the
20	license must authorize for that Category 3 threshold.
21	The second piece that I think I heard,
22	that the licensee must in fact be licensed for some
23	higher number to that greater than Category 3
24	threshold.
25	And then the third piece was that that

material that they actually possess must be colocated in such a way that no aggregation could occur and could therefore be a greater risk of theft.

Did I understand those three points, or which of those three points is important for a licensee to understand regarding whether or not Part 37 requirements apply to them?

MR. WHITE: Short answer to your question is, yes, there -- it comes down to each facility and how each facility -- what they possess, how they're located, how much is authorized. These are all iterations that you certainly have talked about and would have to take that into account.

But, yes, someone is authorized on the license for a -- again, for a Category 3 licensees, again, as Category 1 and 2, you know, applying the same rules if the Commission agrees to all this down the road.

Yeah, someone may possess material, possess it but not have to apply because that don't have that amount of material. They may have that amount of material, but because it's not colocated, they would not physical security have to use requirements, or they may have to use physical security requirements because they have Category 3.

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1	That is correct.
2	So there's three different possible
3	scenarios here again. I could point out this is based
4	on individual that the individual licensee does,
5	again, just talking in very general areas here. We
6	can look at each individual licensee and how they do
7	things before you can correctly apply Part 37.
8	Even currently with Category 1 and 2, you
9	have to look at individual licensees and how they
10	handle how things are set up at that licensee's.
11	Does that answer your question?
12	MR. BACKHAUS: Thank you.
13	MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
14	Any additional comments, Tyler, on the
15	line?
16	THE OPERATOR: No further questions at
17	this time.
18	MR. SMITH: Any additional comments on the
19	web?
20	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
21	MR. SMITH: Any additional comments here
22	in the room?
23	(No response.)
24	MR. SMITH: Okay. Question number 2:
25	Some Category 3 sources are covered under a general
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license, 10 CFR 31.5. Should the NRC consider establishing maximum quantities in general licensed devices, thereby reserving authorization to possess Category 1, 2, and 3 quantities of radioactive material to specific licensees?

Any comments here in the room?

MR. WHITE: This is Duncan White. Someone did bring up the scenario where there was a -people -- a licensee may have a specific licensee,
then also have a general license for quantities of
material that may, you know -- maybe the general
license would end up as Category 3 quantity, but they
already may possess specifically licensed quantities
that may be Category 3.

Any sort of feedback or experience with that would be, you know, appreciated. Again, I know from my experience we have seen people with gauges -- large facilities with gauges have both generally licensed and specifically licensed quantities of the same device because of they are licensed and how they are regulated there, you know, one is a specific license, one is a general license.

So appreciate any feedback on that type of scenario if people have experience with that.

MR. SMITH: Okay. We do have a comment

1	here in the room.
2	If we can get your name and the
3	organization you're representing.
4	MR. POPE: My name's Monty Pope, with
5	Treshco [phonetic]. I just want to comment, and my
6	comment kind of transcends both 1 and 2.
7	And basically I am leaning towards letting
8	the regs stand as they are. That will have
9	significant impact on us commercially and
10	operationally, and I'm still having a hard time seeing
11	the justification for upping it, and the risk
12	associated with it versus the cost is significant, of
13	course.
14	MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you.
15	Tyler, any additional comments on the
16	phone line?
17	THE OPERATOR: Yeah.
18	MR. JACOBI: Actually I just want to kind
19	of reinforce what Monty just said. I think it's
20	really severe commercial implications of requiring
21	generally licensed companies to become specifically
22	licensed for the same devices.
23	And once again, going back to the oil and
24	gas industry, when distributors in Texas and elsewhere
25	are distributing devices to companies like Chevron or

Exxon or somebody like this that may have huge quantities of these devices that, in aggregate, probably exceed -- I'm certain exceed Category 3 quantities, if you went to those companies and said, you know, if you have specific devices that subject to a safety plan and on and on and on, I really think they would be surprised and probably look other ways to do gauging and metering monitoring. You know, currently distributors have to report their distribution in Texas, and in some cases, depending on the quantity of the device, general licensees have to file general license acknowledgments in agreement states or others, perhaps the NRC as well. But maybe even those reports could be beefed up a little bit instead of requiring people to have this specific license. I think that would be extremely expensive and not well received. And by the way, with the general license, if distribution reports could be done electronically, I think that would help business. MR. SMITH: Thank you. MR. WHITE: Appreciate the input. Any additional comments here MR. SMITH:

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1 in the room? (No response.) 2 3 MR. SMITH: Tyler, any additional comments 4 on the phone line? 5 THE OPERATOR: Yes, we have Roland. Go ahead, Roland. 6 7 BACKHAUS: Thank you. My comment follows Rick's, and it also ties back into question 1, 8 9 first question, and it has to do with how it is that a specific license to a manufacturer or distributor 10 can verify quantities that a company which had that 11 generally, you know, if the rule change is not falling 12 like I hope like it would, that how that distributor 13 14 can determine the amount of material that 15 customer, a general licensee -- the previously general licensee, may [inaudible]. 16 17 The fact that they have -- this especially pointed in a case which Rick described, 18 19 which is, you know, large companies with some large number of generally licensed devices which don't have 20 stringent, you know, reporting, maintenance, 21 records, et cetera, requirements as those specifically 22 licensed devices would. 23 24 And so it seems it's another place for

difficulty is how it is that a specific licensee can

1	verify the quantities that his customers would have,
2	when that customer has sources that that general
3	license might determine whether or not that guy will
4	[inaudible] because his transfer is going to go over,
5	for example, Category 3.
6	MR. WHITE: Appreciate the insight.
7	Again, it's something, you know I think the first
8	time we've heard that particular comment, and I
9	appreciate you laying those comments those thoughts
10	out, because again that was very helpful. Thank you.
11	MR. BACKHAUS: Thank you.
12	MR. SMITH: Great. Thank you.
13	Any additional comments on the web?
14	MS. EUSEBIO: No comments on the web.
15	MR. SMITH: Any additional comments here
16	in the room?
17	(No response.)
18	MR. SMITH: Tyler, one more time on the
19	phone line, any additional comments?
20	THE OPERATOR: No comments on the phone
21	line.
22	MR. SMITH: Okay. That was the last
23	question. Again, we'd like to apologize for the delay
24	and, you know, not being able to hear the folks on the
25	telephone line.

1 I'd like to say we do have another meeting that's scheduled today from 6:00 to 8:00, so if you 2 3 didn't have an opportunity to provide any comments, 4 you can call back in, stay here at the meeting, or log 5 in on the webinar to provide those comments. And also you can provide those comments 6 7 via the web or via email -- via mail; sorry. 8 the NRC will host one additional 9 webinar on Category 3 resource security 10 accountability during the public comment period for this effort. This webinar is scheduled for Thursday, 11 March 2, from 1:00 to 4:00. The webinar is noticed on 12 the public meeting website with a link from our 13 14 website, so if you would like to register, please use 15 the link from the meeting notice. Finally, we would like to remind you that 16 17 the public comment period for the FRN that provides these questions closes on March 10, 2017. We 18 19 encourage your response to the FRN and appreciate your participation in today's meeting. 20 Thank you very much. 21 the slides will be 22 сору of available on the Category 3 website, located on the 23 24 NRC website under the Radioactive Materials, and it's

under www.nrc.gov/ security/ byproduct/ category-3-

1	source-security-accountability-reevaluation.
2	If you have any additional questions
3	related to this meeting or to Category 3 source
4	security and accountability re-evaluation, please
5	contact Duncan White, and Duncan be reached at
6	duncan.white@nrc.gov or 301-415-2958, or Irene Wu at
7	<u>irene.wu@nrc.gov;</u> Irene's work number is 301-415-1951.
8	Okay. Now we're finished.
9	(Whereupon, at 5:17 p.m., the public
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