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ALL AGREEMENT STATES

NOTIFICATION OF THE 2014 SEALED SOURCE AND DEVICE EVALUATION WORKSHOP
(FSME-13-129)

Purpose: To inform the Agreement States of the upcoming Sealed Source and Device (SS&D) training workshop and to solicit interested participants.

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) provides assistance to the Agreement State programs with the establishment and operation of their SS&D programs in order to facilitate these programs and maintain their compatibility with the NRC's program. Routinely, the NRC offers the SS&D evaluation training to NRC and Agreement State radiation control program staff interested in performing SS&D evaluations.

Discussion: The Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs is soliciting interest from the Agreement States for employees interested in attending the NRC 2014 SS&D Evaluation Workshop. Program Directors should submit* names of their staff interested in attending this workshop to the contact person below via e-mail within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Any Agreement State staff member is eligible to participate in the workshop.

The NRC 2014 SS&D Evaluation Workshop will be held March 31 through April 4, 2014, in Covington, Kentucky. The tentative schedule (see enclosure) for this workshop includes training provided by the NRC and Agreement State staff as well as tours of two local fixed gauge manufacturers – Ronan Engineering in Florence, Kentucky and VEGA Americas, Inc. in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Workshop attendees should expect to commit 5 to 6 days to this training, including travel time (4 1/2 days of training and 1-2 days of travel time depending on flight availability and distance). Specific travel instructions will be provided to interested Agreement State staff in a separate correspondence. The NRC will reimburse any costs incurred due to travel to and from the workshop in accordance with Federal travel regulations.

* This information request has previously been approved by OMB 3150-01029 and was resubmitted to OMB for review of continued approval of information collection. The estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary collection is approximately 8 hours. Send comments regarding the burden estimate to the Records and Information Services Branch (T-5F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to infocollects.resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0200), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

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Enclosure:
Tentative 2014 SS&D Workshop Schedule

**2014 Sealed Source and Device Workshop Tentative Schedule
Covington, Kentucky**

Monday March 31, 2014	8:30-8:55	Welcome	Curt Pendergrass
	8:45-9:00	2014 Course Introduction / Workshop Objectives	Margie Kotzalas John Jankovich
	9:00-9:45	Types of Devices and Sources	John Jankovich Tomas Herrera
	9:45-9:55	Break	
	9:55-11:10	Performing the Review	Tomas Herrera
	11:10-11:20	Break	
	11:20-12:00	Design (start)	Karl Von Ahn
	12:00-1:00	Lunch	
	1:00-1:50	Design (finish)	Karl Von Ahn
	1:50-3:00	Quality Assurance & Quality Control	Gibb Vinson
	3:00-3:10	Break	
	3:10-4:25	General Engineering Principles I	John Fessel
	4:25-4:55	Radiation Profiles	Karl Von Ahn
4:55-5:00	Administration	Justin Vazquez	
Tuesday April 1, 2014	8:30-9:45	Prototype Testing (start)	Gibb Vinson
	9:45-10:00	Break	
	10:00-11:30	Prototype Testing (finish)	Gibb Vinson
	11:30-12:30	Lunch	
	12:30-1:00	Travel to Vega Americas	
	1:00-4:00	Vega Overview and Tour	Vega Americas
	4:00-4:30	Return to Covington, KY	
Wednesday April 2, 2014	8:30-9:30	General Engineering Principles II	John Fessel
	9:30-9:40	Break	
	9:40-10:40	Blueprint Reading	Karl Von Ahn
	10:40-10:50	Break	
	10:50-11:30	Servicing & User Instructions	John Fessel
	11:30-12:30	Root Cause Analysis	John Jankovich
	12:30-1:30	Lunch	
	1:30-2:00	Break and Travel to Ronan	
	2:00-5:00	Ronan Overview and Tour	Ronan Engineering
5:00-5:30	Return to Covington, KY		
Thursday April 3, 2014	8:30-9:30	Lessons Learned from Incidents	Tomas Herrera John Jankovich
	9:30-10:15	Writing the Certificate (start)	Karl Von Ahn
	10:15-10:25	Break	
	10:25-11:15	Writing the Certificate (finish)	Karl Von Ahn
	11:15-11:45	Pre-Test Review	Justin Vazquez
	11:45-12:00	Assign Casework & Discuss Presentations	Justin Vazquez
	12:00-1:00	Lunch	
	1:00-5:00	Casework Assignments(in small groups)	Group Leaders
Friday April 4, 2014	8:30-8:45	Gamma Teletherapy	Maria Arribas-Colon
	8:45-9:00	Betavoltaic Batteries	Justin Vazquez
	9:00-9:30	Current Issues	Margie Kotzalas
	9:30-9:40	Break	
	9:40-11:30	Casework Presentations	
	11:30-11:45	Closing Remarks	Margie Kotzalas
	11:45-12:00	Administration	Justin Vazquez