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MEMORANDUM

- TO: Medical Licensees
- FROM: Becki Harisis, Manager Radiation Control Program
- DATE: December 12, 2024
- SUBJECT: ATTEMPTS TO ACQUIRE SENSITIVE INFORMATION FROM LICENSEE STAFF

Enclosed is NRC Security Advisory SA 2024-19 to warn licensees of attempts by third parties to acquire sensitive personal information and reminds licensees of the requirement to report suspicious activities.

We are sending you this notice for informational purposes. No licensee action is required.

Should you have any questions, please contact our office at 402-471-2168.



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SECURITY ADVISORY FOR LICENSEES (NRC AND AGREEMENT STATES) THAT POSSESS, USE, SHIP, OR RECEIVE RISK-SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

SA 2024-19

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PURPOSE

This Security Advisory (SA) warns licensees of attempts by third parties to acquire sensitive personal information and reminds licensees of the requirement to report suspicious activities. No licensee action is required.

BACKGROUND

Recent suspicious activity reported to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) involved an attempt to obtain personal information from licensee staff by unidentified individuals claiming to be government officials. Licensees are reminded to protect personal and access control information, and to be vigilant about potentially fraudulent attempts by individuals claiming to be Federal or State officials to gain sensitive information from licensee personnel.

Licensees subject to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 37, "Reporting of events," must report any information regarding threats or suspicious activities. The NRC requires licensees to contact each of the listed organizations or agencies in the following order:

- Local law enforcement agency
- NRC Headquarters Operations Center at 301-816-5100 (for NRC licensees)

If you are an Agreement State licensee, you should also notify the appropriate Agreement State Official.

If the NRC receives additional information concerning site-specific or general threats involving radioactive material, the NRC may recommend taking additional site-specific actions, provide guidance specific to any new information received, advise individual licensees to further coordinate onsite activities with offsite support agencies, or otherwise instruct licensees to implement elevated protective measures and provisions described in the NRC Threat Advisory and Protective Measures System, as appropriate. If you have any questions concerning this advisory, contact the technical point of contact below.

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