



FW: Question

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Hello Mr. Shuler,

Ms. Kolb asked that I respond directly to you regarding the training events described in your email.

Thank you for your question regarding eligibility of this training event for exemption under the Deputy Secretary's memorandum Updated Guidance on Conference-Related Activities and Spending dated August 17, 2015.

While the definition of a conference has not changed, the new training exemption removes qualifiers found in previous guidance that required many formal training events to be recognized as a conference. The training exemption now simply states "Formal classroom training which does not exhibit indicia of a formal conference...".

We have reviewed the descriptive information provided with your question and concur with your evaluation – the event is an exempt training event and therefore it is not subject to the conference management approval and reporting process. The training exemption for conference management purposes, does not remove the organization's responsibility for tracking training participation and related costs (within CHRIS for example).

Please feel free to reply to this message if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

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From: Kolb, Ingrid
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Please see below. Would you respond for me? If you would like to discuss, please let me know.
Thanks.

From: Shuler, James
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Ms. Kolb,

Please consider specifically including DOE Packaging Certification Program formal classroom training as an example of training not subject to the conference management approval and reporting process. These courses are essential to retain and qualify new radioactive material packaging professionals in accordance with the general and function specific requirements of the US hazardous materials (HAZMAT) regulations in 49 CFR, 10 CFR Part 71 and DOE O 460.1C.

On June 30, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), Redmond, WA, approved the following six DOE Packaging Certification Program (PCP) courses for graduate credit in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR).

ME 691 - ASME Pressure Vessel Code for Nuclear Transport and Storage, 1 credit

ME 692 - QA for Radioactive Material Packaging, 1 credit

ME 694 - Nuclear and Other Radioactive Materials Transport Security, 2 credits

ME 695 - SARP Review and Confirmatory Analysis, 2 credits

ME 696 - Management of SARP Preparation, 1 credit

ME 697 - Radioactive Material Package Operations and Leak Testing, 1

In year's past, GC concurred that these courses and other PCP listed below met the exemption criteria for "Exemption E" and therefore, they did not have to be entered in the DOE Conference Tool.

- ARG-US RFID System for Management of Nuclear and Radioactive Materials
- Structural Analysis and Acceptance Criteria
- Welding Criteria for Shipping Containers

Based on *Updated Guidance on Conference-Related Activities and Spending* memorandum August 17 from Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, these courses and all formal classroom training is no longer subject to the conference management approval and reporting process, per the July 2015 attachment to the memorandum.

Based on the above, the following new PCP formal classroom training courses under development are likewise no longer subject to the conference management approval and reporting process.

- Radiation Shielding and Nuclear Criticality Safety - Generalist Training
- Radiation Shielding and Nuclear Criticality Safety - Specialist Training

Is my understanding of this correct?

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

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