Hello Mr. Shuler,

Thank you for approaching us regarding this year’s courses offered as part of the DOE Packaging Certification Program given by the DOE contractors at their respective sites. We concur that the events are exempt formal training and therefore no additional information is required.

If you prefer, these events can be recorded in DOE’s Conference Management Tool (CMT) as “exempt events” with minimal information to describe the event. If you need any assistance with their entry in the CMT please send an email to conferencequestions@hq.doe.gov and we would be happy to assist.

Best,

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Dear Ilir,

On Nov 6, 2017, I submitted a request by email for concurrence that the training courses offered in FY2018 by the DOE Packaging Certification Program were not subject to conference management approval and reporting process, based on the Updated Guidance on Conference-Related Activities and Spending memorandum, August 17, 2015 from Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall (i.e., all formal classroom training is no longer subject to the conference management). You responded by email on November 8, 2017 “Thank you for approaching us regarding the FY18 courses offered as part of the DOE Packaging Certification Program given by the DOE contractors at their respective sites. We concur that the events are exempt formal training and therefore no additional information is required.”

The DOE Packaging Certification Program intends to offer the same courses again in FY2019 and hereby requests concurrence that these training courses offered in FY2019 by the DOE Packaging Certification Program are not subject to conference management approval and reporting process, based on the Updated
Guidance on Conference-Related Activities and Spending memorandum, August 17, 2015 from Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall (i.e., all formal classroom training is no longer subject to the conference management).

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 460.1D. The courses (10 total) planned for FY2019 are as follows:

ME 690 – Radiation and Nuclear Criticality Analysis of RAM Packages Safety, 1 credit (credits are towards a Graduate Certificate in Nuclear Packaging from University of Nevada, Reno)
ME 691 - ASME Pressure Vessel Code for Nuclear Transport and Storage, 1 credit
ME 692 - QA for Radioactive Material Packaging, 1 credit
ME 694D - Nuclear and Other Radioactive Materials Transport Security, Domestic, 1 credit
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 credit
ME 698 - Thermal Modeling and Testing of RAM Packages, 1 credit

- Generalist Training - Radiation Shielding and Nuclear Criticality Safety

All of the above courses are given by my DOE contractors at their respective sites, i.e., ANL, LLNL, SRNL, ORNL, and SNL.

- Other courses under development may be taught that would also go through accreditation towards a Graduate Certificate in Transportation Security and Safeguards from University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). These courses would follow the same model as the courses above and be taught by my DOE contractors at their respective sites, i.e., ANL, LLNL, SRNL, ORNL, and SNL. All new courses must be taught at least once before they can be submitted to UNR for consideration for graduate credit.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated response.

Jim

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