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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has published the policy for follow-up inspections of facilities Increased Controls. Because the Radioactive Materials Unit must follow that policy, this Information Notice is notifying licensees with Increased Controls.

Scheduling Increased Control Inspections

The following guidance will be used when scheduling inspections:

- If the initial Increased Controls inspection did not require a Notice of Violation (NOV), the Increased Controls inspection will be performed at the next routine inspection due date with the routine health and safety inspection.
- If the initial Increased Controls inspection resulted in an NOV, a follow-up Increased Controls inspection must be performed within six months of the completion of the last inspection. The follow-up inspection may be performed as part of a routine health and safety inspection; however, if the follow-up inspection is not combined with a routine health and safety inspection, the due date for the next routine inspection will remain unchanged.

Technical Guidance for IC Inspections

For those licensees who did not have a clear inspection previously, the inspector must:

- Verify the licensee's corrective actions, as described in their response to a Notice of Violation (NOV) or documented in the inspection report, were implemented and effective; and
- Verify IC 1 requirements have been implemented for new individuals who have been granted unescorted access to the radioactive material quantities of concern by review Trustworthy and Reliable (T&R) determinations for compliance with IC 1;

- Verify IC 1 requirements have been implemented for individuals who no longer require unescorted access. Verify these individuals have been removed from the approved list and the licensee has deactivated their security code or retrieved their key to the usage and storage location(s);
- Verify compliance with IC 2;
- Verify the licensee's compliance with any changes to their Increased Controls program (e.g., if the licensee remodeled the facility or added a new location where radioactive material quantities of concern and devices are used or stored, etc.);
- Perform a random sampling of other Increased Controls requirements.

Escalated Enforcement

Licensees are reminded that the severity of violations change if they are found to be repeated. Most IC violations are based on security issues; therefore, they were initially classified as a Severity Level III. A Severity Level III will be classified as a Severity Level II if it is found in the next inspection. Severity Level II violations will result in escalated enforcement and most likely civil penalties in accordance with the MDH Administrative Penalty Plan.