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NRC Issues Distribution Licenses, Updates Website

Jewelers of America has learned that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has added new information concerning irradiated gemstones to its website

New York, NY – Jewelers of America (JA) has learned that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued distribution licenses for neutron-irradiated gemstones to Ideal Source Quality Assurance in Columbia, MO, and HBM Virginia in Warrenton, VA.

The NRC tells JA that several other applications are being reviewed and that it is still working to resolve regulatory questions about existing inventories of irradiated gemstones currently on the market.

On November 8, the NRC also posted a "Fact Sheet on Irradiated Gemstones" on its website, which contains FAQs for jewelers, distributors and consumers. The Fact Sheet can be found in NRC's "Fact Sheets & Brochures" page at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/fact-sheets/irradiated-gemstones.pdf>.

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