Purpose of Advisory:

This is to clarify the applicability of the Campus Allowance in Section VII.B. The allowance reads as follows.

A campus is where a company has physically separate addresses in the same metropolitan area that are used together as one interconnected operation. To qualify as a campus interactions between physically separate addresses, these must be under the same management structure and EH&S management system. The following allowance may be made: multiple addresses in the same geographic location can be certified together under one certificate.

A campus is typically multiple buildings at different addresses within the same city. Companies may expand into multiple buildings to accommodate growth. However, the processes are connected and makeup the totality of the operations together. Many have questioned where the boundary is for a “metropolitan area” or “same geographic location”. For purposes of applying the “campus allowance”, SERI is setting the limit at any facility within a 2-hour drive that is solely connected to the process of the main certified facility. The process of a campus location must entirely support the scope of the main facility and be
connected in the flow of operations between the two locations. A campus allowance would not be applicable to a separate facility providing the same functions, or a facility where only some of the processes are connected to the main facility.