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Enclosed is a memorandum from the Intra-Agency Multi-Agency Radiological Laboratory Analytical Protocols (MARLAP) Manual Work Group requesting review and comment on the draft MARLAP manual. The work group includes representatives from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the State of California. An NRC web page regarding MARLAP has also been established at http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/DWM/DECOM/marlap.htm. The manual is intended to provide guidance to project managers and laboratory personnel on the planning, implementation, and assessment phases of projects requiring the analysis of radionuclides. The work group has requested that comments on the manual be submitted by May 10, 2000, and that comments be submitted electronically. An example of the preferred comment submittal form (electronic) and a copy of the draft manual can be viewed on the Internet at http://www.eml.doe.gov/marlap/system/login.cfm. A password is necessary to log in to the web site. The password and any additional information you may need can be obtained from Rateb (Boby) Abu Eid, NRC point of contact for this effort. His contact information is listed below.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Request for Intra-Agency Review of Draft MARLAP Manual

FROM: Interagency MARLAP (Multi-Agency Radiological Laboratory Analytical

Protocols) Manual Work Group

TO: Federal Agency Reviewers

The purpose of this letter is to request that you review and comment on the draft Multi-Agency Radiological Laboratory Analytical Protocols (MARLAP) manual. The MARLAP manual is a document which provides guidance for the planning, implementation and assessment phases of those projects which require the laboratory analysis of radionuclides. This guidance is intended for project planners, managers and laboratory personnel. The manual's basic goal is to provide guidance to ensure that radioanalytical laboratory data will meet a project's or program's data requirements and needs.

The MARLAP manual is being developed as a multi-agency guidance document for project managers and radioanalytical laboratories. The document uses a performance-based approach and will support a wide range of data collection activities including site characterization and cleanup; compliance demonstration; decommissioning of nuclear facilities; remedial and removal actions; environmental monitoring; and waste management activities. Current participants include: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). State participation in the development of the manual involved contributions from representatives from the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of California.

Many of you have already been very helpful in our development of the draft MARLAP manual. Headquarters, regional/field office, and laboratory input through this review process is a critical element in the further development of this manual. Therefore, we are now requesting that you review the draft manual. Where applicable, your office's review is also the vehicle through which agency concurrence will be obtained in approval of the manual.

The MARLAP manual will available for review beginning on February 10 through the following website: http://www.eml.doe.gov/marlap/system/login.cfm. The MARLAP work group requests that you review the manual and provide comments by May 10, 2000. Your review should focus on technical accuracy, consistency with agency policy, and understandability. We prefer your comments be entered electronically using the format described in the website, as we may be receiving comments from hundreds of reviewers. If you don't use our automated

data entry system, your comments are guaranteed to be considered as part of the overall review. However, in order to expedite the review process, we request that you prepare your comments in a format similar to the one described on the website and send them to the appropriate point of contact in your agency.

Passwords to the website can be obtained from the point of contact in your agency. Their addresses and telephone numbers are listed in Attachment 1.

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Please note that this draft is for internal agency review only and not for distribution to the public. The MARLAP interagency workgroup plans to seek public comment in a subsequent draft through publication of a notice of availability in the Federal Register.

Thank you for your support in our guidance development effort. Please contact your agency point of contact if you have any questions concerning this request.

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