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**NRC STANDARDS PROGRAM: MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 6.5 “NRC PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF CONSENSUS STANDARDS” (SP-00-032)**

This letter is to familiarize the States with the NRC Standards Program and its Management Directive 6.5, “NRC Participation in the Development and Use of Consensus Standards.” This program fulfills Public Law 104-113, “National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995” and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-119, “Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities.” Management Directive 6.5 provides direction in identifying and prioritizing needed new and revised technical standards, selecting and nominating staff as authorized agency representatives on standards developing organizations committees, and coordinating standards activities with stakeholders. The NRC has developed a NRC Standards Program web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REFERENCE/STANDARDS/index.html> to promote communication between the program staff and stakeholders. The NRC Standards Executive, Mr. Michael Mayfield, Acting Director of the Division of Engineering Technology can be contacted for further information about the NRC Standards Program. His contact information is listed below.

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