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MRB MEETING

Attached for your review and approval are the draft minutes of the Management Review Board (MRB) meeting held on May 31, 2000. I would appreciate your approval within two weeks of the issuance of this memorandum. If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-2589.

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING OF MAY 31, 2000

These minutes are presented in the same general order as the items were discussed in the meeting. The attendees were as follows:

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| Carl Paperiello, MRB Chair, EDO | Frederick Combs, MRB Member, STP |
| William Kane, MRB Member, NMSS | Joseph Gray, MRB Member, OGC |
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| Diane Ausbrooks, LA | Chris Roberie, LA |
| Richard Penrod, LA | Bliss Higgins, LA |
| Allen Grewe, Team Member, TN | Mark Shaffer, Team Member, RIV |
| Vivian Campbell, RIV | Roy Caniano, RIII |
| Linda McLean, RIV | Steven Collins, MRB Liasion, IL |

1. **Convention.** Carl Paperiello, Chair of the Management Review Board (MRB) convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Introductions of the attendees were conducted.
2. **New Business. Louisiana Review Introduction.** Mr. James Lynch, RIII, Regional State Agreements Officer, led the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) team for the Louisiana review.

Mr. Lynch discussed how the review was conducted and noted that the Louisiana program underwent significant reorganization in July 1999. Preliminary work included a review of Louisiana's response to the IMPEP questionnaire. The onsite review was conducted February 28 - March 3, 2000. The onsite review included an entrance interview, detailed audits of a representative sample of completed licensing actions and inspections, and follow-up discussions with staff and management. Following the review, the team issued a draft report on March 30, 2000; received Louisiana's comment letter dated May 1, 2000; and submitted a proposed final report to the MRB on May 11, 2000.

Common Performance Indicators. Mr. Grewe discussed findings for the common performance indicator, Status of the Materials Inspection Program. His presentation corresponded to Section 3.1 of the IMPEP report. The review team found Louisiana's performance with respect to this indicator "satisfactory," and made one recommendation regarding inspection frequencies for high dose remote afterloaders (HDRs). The State declared that the priority for HDRs has been changed from every two years to yearly (Priority 1). The MRB agreed that Louisiana's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator.

Mr. Grewe also discussed the findings for the common performance indicator, Technical Quality of Inspections, which are summarized in Section 3.2 of the report. The team found that Louisiana's performance indicator was "satisfactory," and made no recommendations. Mr. Lynch noted that the performance of the inspectors during the accompaniments was a strength in the program. The MRB agreed that Louisiana's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator.

Mr. Lynch presented the findings regarding the common performance indicator, Technical Staffing and Training. His presentation corresponded to Section 3.3 of the IMPEP report. The team found that Louisiana's performance with respect to this indicator was "satisfactory," and made one recommendation regarding the appropriate and adequate training in health physics and operational topics. Mr. Lynch commented that all Surveillance Division training was canceled soon after the review. The MRB, the IMPEP team, and the State discussed the staffing effort needed to support the licensing program, the budgetary restraints on Louisiana's training program, and non-NRC training classes. The MRB asked Louisiana to share any acceptable alternative training used by the State with NRC and Agreement States. No performance issues were identified during this review. The MRB agreed that Louisiana's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator.

Ms. Masnyk-Bailey presented the findings regarding the common performance indicator, Technical Quality of Licensing Actions. She summarized the findings in Section 3.4 of the report. The team found Louisiana's performance to be "satisfactory" for this indicator and made two recommendations regarding a financial assurance mechanism and applicable actions for a cesium- 137 contaminated possession license. After a brief discussion involving financial assurance, the MRB agreed that Louisiana's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator.

Mr. Shaffer presented findings regarding the final common performance indicator, Response to Incidents and Allegations. As discussed in Section 3.5 of the report, the team found Louisiana's performance relative to this indicator to be "satisfactory" and made no recommendations. The MRB agreed that Louisiana's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator.

Non-Common Performance Indicators. Mr. Shaffer led the discussion of the non-common performance indicator, Legislation and Program Elements Required for Compatibility, which is summarized in Section 4.1 of the report. The team found Louisiana's performance relative to this indicator to be "satisfactory," and made no recommendations. The MRB agreed that Louisiana's performance for this indicator met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating.

Mr. Blanton led the discussion of the non-common performance indicator, Sealed Source and Device (SS&D) Evaluation Program, which is summarized in Section 4.2 of the report. The team found Louisiana's performance relative to this indicator to be "satisfactory" and made no recommendations. The MRB and the IMPEP team discussed the availability of personnel performing SS&D evaluations who are primarily assigned to other divisions. The MRB agreed that Louisiana's performance for this indicator met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating.

MRB Consultation/Comments on Issuance of Report. Mr. Lynch noted that a point of contact with the State should be established to facilitate the flow of information between the State and NRC. Mr. Bohlinger replied that Mr. Wascom was to continue as the point of contact. Mr. Lynch concluded, based on the discussion and direction of the MRB, that Louisiana's program was rated "satisfactory" for all common and applicable non-common performance indicators. The MRB found the Louisiana program to be adequate to protect public health and safety and compatible with NRC's program. The IMPEP team recommended that the next IMPEP review be conducted in three years, however the MRB decided that the next IMPEP review for Louisiana would be conducted in four years, though the timing of the review could be adjusted due to findings at periodic meetings.

Comments from the State of Louisiana. Mr. Bohlinger noted that he appreciated the review. It is his intention to run the best program possible.

3. **Status of Remaining Reviews.** Mrs. Schneider briefly reported on the status of the current and upcoming IMPEP reviews and reports. The MRB discussed the written request by the State of Maryland to postpone the Maryland follow-up review for one year. It was also noted that originally the State of Maryland orally requested to postpone the follow-up for 6 months. The MRB postponed making a decision on whether to grant a one year extension until the findings of the June 27, 2000, Maryland periodic meeting have been reviewed. The findings from the Maryland periodic meeting will be discussed at a future MRB meeting in the Fall 2000.
4. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.