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Frederick C. Combs, Deputy Director
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Dear Mr. Combs:

This letter responds to your request for updated information about Wisconsin's agreement state program development.

There has been positive activity in the development of our agreement state program. Recent events include:

- March, 2000 – Hiring of materials program supervisor with start date of June, 2000
- April, 2000 - Hiring of the first materials licensing/inspection staff
- June, 2000 - Completion and submittal of draft radiation protection rules for promulgation. The promulgation process, including administrative/legal review, legislative review and public comment is expected to take 1 year. Implementation expected in mid-2001.
- June, 2000 - Hiring of second materials/licensing staff with start date of July 17.
- June, 2000 - Reannouncement of materials program supervisor position due to resignation (for personal reasons) of successful candidate from first announcement.

The following activities are planned for the second half of CY 2000:

- July, 2000 - Beginning of formal training for new materials licensing/inspection staff. One staff member is scheduled to attend NRC materials related training in July and August, 2000.
- August or September, 2000 - Submittal of new radiation protection rules for NRC review and comment. The submittal of HFS 157 will address the requirements contained in NRC procedure SA-201. Our intent is to incorporate NRC comments into the rule draft during the corresponding 45-60 day public comment period expected in fall, 2000.
- October, 2000 – Second annual 36% surcharge fee invoice will be sent to all WI NRC licensees, excluding nuclear power plants, federal facilities and fee exempt licensees.

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The impact of the unexpected delay in the SFY 00-01 biennial budget approval, combined with difficulties in hiring a materials program supervisor, will slightly alter the schedule for submitting our agreement state related documentation. The new schedule is as follows:

August, 2002: Submit draft agreement state application for NRC review.

November, 2002: Submit formal request for agreement from Governor to NRC.

I look forward to the continued interaction with your agency as we pursue agreement state status. Please contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Paul Schmidt, Chief
Radiation Protection Section

cc: Tom Sieger