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Paul H. Lohaus
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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Lohaus:

We have completed the review of the draft Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) report dated July 27, 2001. Attached are our comments correcting or clarifying a few items contained within. Should you require further discussion on these items, I invite you to contact either Mr. Dennis O'Dowd or Ms. Diane Tefft of the Bureau of Radiological Health at (603) 271-4588.

It is my understanding that the IMPEP review team will present its findings of the June 25-29, 2001 NH Agreement State Program review to the Management Review Board on September 11, 2001. NH intends to fully participate in this final review process by having technical and administrative staff available to address any of the Board's concerns. The NH Program will also be responsive to any findings or recommendations the Board may have.

I thank you and your staff for the very thorough IMPEP review of the NH Agreement State Program.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Shumway
Commissioner

Enclosure

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COMMENTS

DRAFT REPORT OF INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM (IMPEP)

REVIEW OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AGREEMENT STATE PROGRAM JUNE 25-29, 2001

The following comments are submitted for review and further discussion as to their appropriateness:

Page 4, first paragraph, last sentence "The Section Supervisor also committed that all of the overdue inspections would be completed prior to the end of this calendar year."

COMMENT: Since the time of the review and publication of this draft report, a second Health Physicist I position has become vacant. Therefore, the statement above is no longer valid.

Page 6, top of page, Section 3.3 Technical Staffing and Training

COMMENT: With reference to the Bureau Administrator's membership on the State Radiation Advisory Committee (SRAC), it should be clarified that this individual is not a member of the Committee but instead is assigned by statute as the Technical Secretary to the Committee and as such is an *ex officio* member.

Page 12, Section 4.1.2 Program Elements Required for Compatibility, "Criteria for the Release of Individuals Administered Radioactive Material"

COMMENT: Our understanding is that only a portion of the regulations cited are matters of Category A compatibility.