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SUBJECT: FINAL MINUTES: REGION I MRB MEETING

Attached are the final minutes of the Management Review Board (MRB) meeting held on June 5, 2001. If you have questions, please contact me at 415-2589.

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## MINUTES: MANAGEMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2001

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

Carl Paperiello, MRB Chair, EDO  
Joseph Gray, MRB Member, OGC  
Charles Cox, Team Leader, NMSS  
Mike Whalen, Team Member, MA  
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1. **Convention.** Carl Paperiello, Chair of the Management Review Board (MRB), convened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Introductions of the attendees were conducted.
2. **New Business. Region I Review Introduction.** Mr. Charles Cox, NMSS, led the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) team for the Region I review.

Mr. Cox summarized the review and noted the findings, including that the team closed the four open recommendations from the previous review. Preliminary work included a review of the Region's response to the IMPEP questionnaire. The onsite review was conducted March 19-23, 2001. 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 April 20, 2001, received the Region's comment letter dated May 4, 2001, and submitted a proposed final report to the MRB on May 22, 2001.

**Common Performance Indicators.** Mr. Cox discussed findings for the common performance indicator, Status of the Materials Inspection Program on behalf of Mark Sitek, NMSS who was unavailable to attend due to a training commitment. His presentation corresponded to Section 3.1 of the IMPEP report. The review team found the Region's performance for this indicator "satisfactory," and made no recommendations. The MRB directed that the final report reflect the updated status of overdue inspections. The MRB agreed that the Region's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator. (Note, the MRB also directed that the final report be revised in Section 2.0 to identify the courses discussed in the fourth recommendation).

Mr. Cruz discussed findings for the common performance indicator, Technical Quality of Inspections. His presentation corresponded to Section 3.2 of the IMPEP report. The review team found the Region's performance with respect to this indicator "satisfactory," and made no recommendations. The MRB asked what consequences, if any, there were with respect to the TI issue. Mr. Cox stated that the Region had addressed the issue and that there were no consequences noted. The MRB agreed that the Region's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator.

Ms. Schneider discussed findings for the common performance indicator, Technical Staffing and Training. Her presentation corresponded to Section 3.3 of the IMPEP report. The review team found the Region's performance with respect to this indicator "satisfactory," and made no recommendations. The MRB agreed that the Region's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator.

Mr. Whalen discussed findings for the common performance indicator, Technical Quality of Licensing Actions. His presentation corresponded to Section 3.4 of the IMPEP report. The review team found the Region's performance with respect to this indicator "satisfactory," and made no recommendations. The MRB agreed that the Region's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator.

Ms. Schneider discussed findings for the common performance indicator, Response to Incidents and Allegations. Her presentation corresponded to Section 3.5 of the IMPEP report. The review team found the Region's performance with respect to this indicator "satisfactory," and made no recommendations. The MRB agreed that the Region's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator.

**Non-Common Performance Indicators.** Mr. Cox discussed findings for the non-common performance indicator, Performance with Respect to Operating Plans and Resource Utilization. His presentation corresponded to Section 4.1 of the IMPEP report. The review team found the Region's performance with respect to this indicator "satisfactory," and made no recommendations. The MRB agreed that the Region's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator.

Mr. Schmidt discussed findings for the non-common performance indicator, Site Decommissioning Management Plan. His presentation corresponded to Section 4.2. Mr. Schmidt stated that there are six sub-elements under this indicator and that the team was making an overall recommendation of satisfactory. He noted, however, that the team had significant concerns about the executable financial instruments and the availability of sufficient decommissioning funds as summarized in the Financial Assurance for Decommissioning sub-element (4.2.2) and that the team had made two recommendations. The MRB, Mr. Cox, and the Region discussed the issues and the recommendations. The Region acknowledged their lack of follow-up and indicated that they are taking the issue very seriously. After the discussion, the MRB agreed that although the documents were executable, the Region should be more vigilant in this area. The MRB directed that the final IMPEP report clearly and factually note that the Government was not in a vulnerable position as the financial documents were executable and that Recommendations 1 and 2 be combined.

The MRB discussed the importance of self assessments with respect to the extension of the Regional IMPEP time period from 2 to 4 years. The Region indicated that they do

comprehensive quarterly self-assessments and invited Mr. Virgilio to visit the Region for purposes of looking at the comprehensive program. Mr. Virgilio accepted the invitation. The MRB agreed that the Region's performance met the standard for a "satisfactory" rating for this indicator.

**MRB Consultation/Comments on Issuance of Report.** Mr. Cox recommended, based on the discussion and direction of the MRB, that the Region's program be found "satisfactory" for all performance indicators. The MRB found the Region's radiation control program was adequate to protect public health and safety. The IMPEP team recommended that the next IMPEP review be conducted in four years, and the MRB agreed.

**Comments from the Region.** Mr. Miller commented that the team's findings and recommendations were appropriate. He noted that IMPEP continues to be a very worthwhile process. Mr. Miller also mentioned that the licensing turnover associated with Pennsylvania becoming an Agreement State would be a challenge and that the Region would need assistance in making that transition.

3. **Approval of the Colorado MRB minutes.** The draft MRB minutes from the Colorado Program review were offered for MRB approval. The draft minutes were approved as circulated with no changes.
4. **Status of Remaining Reviews.** Mrs. Schneider briefly reported on the status of the current and upcoming IMPEP reviews and reports.
5. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:25 p.m.