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Mr. Dennis Sollenberger
Office of State and Tribal Programs
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Sollenberger:

As requested in Dr. Paperiello's letter dated November 27, 2000, to Mr. John Leonard of this Department, I am submitting the third of the requested bimonthly progress reports addressing the IMPEP team's suggestions and recommendations.

Since the IMPEP review, the Division has expended considerable resources, in both staff time and dollars, to improve the three areas found unsatisfactory by the review team: Status of Materials Inspection Program, Technical Quality of Inspections, and Legislation and Program Elements Required for Compatibility.

Of the 48 licenses that were found to be overdue by IMPEP criteria at the time of the review, all of the in-state licenses have been inspected. Six out-of-state licenses from that list have not been inspected and will remain on the list until inspection opportunity is presented by their performance of work in Tennessee. There are eight in-state licenses overdue for inspection. Of our eleven out-of-state licenses, nine are overdue. Nineteen licenses were inspected in the month of April. At our conference call in June, we will report the number of inspections performed in May.

Two staff members attended the NRC's "Transportation of Radioactive Materials" course in Chattanooga in April. Two license reviewers attended the SS & D workshop in Boston in April. Also, one of the reviewers participated in a device review with an authorized reviewer in accordance with our training criteria. All staff members will attend 8 hour OSHA refresher training on May 23, 2001.

The Division conducted a public hearing on April 23, 2001, for the compatibility required regulations. Comments were received and evaluated, and responses were recently provided. The final regulations are expected to be signed out of this office within days.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (615) 532-0360.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lawrence E. Nanney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lawrence E. Nanney

Director

Attachment 1

ISSUE	STATE RESPONSE	COMPLETION TIME	STATUS
1.(1) Insp. Freq.	mon. by I&EM monthly	Ongoing	Ongoing
1.(2) Insp.rpt timely	INSP TRKG SYS dev.	Ongoing for system development	Ongoing Manual tracking by I & E Management
1.(3) Filing of repts	Audit file to ensure last 2 yrs info are in the files	07/01/2001	Ongoing
2. Follow insp proced	Mtngs with staff Revision of IP Policy&P	Ongoing 06/01/2001	Ongoing
3. Sup for Insp Findgs	Will be discd in trng	TBD	Ongoing
4. Doc for Trng Prog	Draft policy completed Training for staff	05/31/01 07/01/01	Completed Ongoing
5. Trng on TN Insp P	See 2 above	See 2 above	Ongoing
6. Adopt regs	Package of 12 regs to begin process Public hearing Other 6 regs not addressed yet Date for prog compat.	01/31/2001 04/23/01 Not stated Not stated	Completed Ongoing
7. SS&D staff quals	Staff will be fully qualified	Ongoing	Two staff members attended SS&D Training 04/02/01