

**From:** Paul Lohaus  
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**Date:** 4/3/02 5:22PM  
**Subject:** Re: IMPEP for Kansas

Mr. Miller:

This is in response to your e-mail of March 28, 2002, (below) requesting that the Kansas IMPEP review scheduled for the week of April 22, 2002, be postponed for six months. I understand that you plan to leave the program on April 19, 2002, and that a new program director would likely not be on board at the time of the scheduled review. Because of this, you are concerned that the program will be lacking a permanent manager to assist the IMPEP team during the review.

After carefully considering your request and a number of factors, including your departure, the timing of the review, the past performance of the Kansas program, and the impact the review will have on both your staff and IMPEP team personnel, we conclude the review should take place as currently scheduled.

Turnover of program staff and management is not unusual. We have conducted program reviews in the past with staff vacancies and when under acting management. We recognize the additional stress that a management change can place on a program, and the team will seek to minimize any additional impact due to the review. However, since the review focuses on program performance during the entire review period, our experience has been that conducting the review during a change in management has not had a significant affect on the results of the review.

We have received your response to the IMPEP questionnaire, and will use it to focus the team's work. This should serve to help reduce the impact of the on-site review on your program and staff. If you have any suggestions on how we may further reduce impact of the review, please contact me or Richard Blanton at 301/415-2322.

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>>> <GMiller@kdhe.state.ks.us> 03/28/02 09:45AM >>>

Mr. Lohaus,

I am Gary Miller, Director of the Kansas Radiation Program, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The NRC has scheduled an IMPEP inspection for the week of April 22, 2002.

The purpose of this e-mail is to request the IMPEP be postponed for six months. I am retiring from KDHE on April 19, 2002. Efforts are under way to fill my vacated position. However, it is unlikely that the selection for my replacement will be on board by the time of the IMPEP. Because of this, the program will be lacking management personnel to assist

the evaluators during their review. Therefore, I am formally requesting your assistance to postpone the IMPEP until this fall. The additional time will provide my predecessor the opportunity to learn the program and be responsive to NRC requests during the IMPEP. Your assistance to make this happen would be very appreciated. Thank You

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