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SUBJECT: FY2002 PERFORMANCE REPORT INPUT

The Office of International Programs has requested the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response to provide input for evaluating three measures of the International Nuclear Safety Support Arena in the FY2002 Performance Report. The following provides our performance on each of the measures:

1. Provide to the Department of State approximately annually a list of nuclear facilities eligible for International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards inspections.

The list of NRC-licensed facilities eligible for IAEA safeguards was last updated in May 2001. This list was submitted by the Department of State to the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee and the House of Representative's Committee on International Relations on June 1, 2001, and sat before each committee for the prescribed 60-day review period. The revised declaration was delivered by the Department of State to the IAEA in December 2002. The interagency Subgroup on IAEA Safeguards in the United States (SISUS) will determine whether additional NRC-licensed or DOE facilities should be added to or removed from the list during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2003.

2. Provide new or updated descriptions of Eligible Facilities to the IAEA and help arrange IAEA access to all facilities chosen for inspection.

The Department of State provided the IAEA with an updated List of U.S. Eligible Facilities during December 2002. IAEA has selected to conduct inspections at one NRC-licensed facility (BWX Technologies Downblending Facility) and at three DOE storage vaults. In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, IAEA inspections at these four facilities were canceled. Inspections were resumed in January 2002 and have been conducted at each of the four facilities during every month to date in calendar year 2002.

3. Maintain (with DOE) a system for reporting nuclear material inventory and transfer information to the IAEA.

DOE and NRC jointly fund the DOE-managed Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System. Inventory change reports have been provided to the IAEA for each facility selected by the IAEA under the U.S.-IAEA Safeguards Agreement and under the first protocol to the Agreement (Reporting Protocol). Reports are also provided to the IAEA on nuclear material imports to and exports from the United States. To date, these reports have been provided to the IAEA for each month of Fiscal Year 2002. Material balance reports and physical inventory listings for the selected facilities were provided to the IAEA after the completion of the physical inventory taking at each of the facilities.

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