

September 16, 2002

Mr. John P. Spath, Program Manager
Radioactive Waste Policy and
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New York State Energy Research
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Albany, NY 12203-6399

Dear Mr. Spath:

Enclosed is the exam for a member of your staff who attended the following course:

Introductory Health Physics Course (H-117)
Rockville, Maryland - July 15-19, 2002

The course examination results indicate that the individual did not meet the minimum standard for successful completion of the course, which is a grade of 70%. The NRC policy on successful completion of NRC training for Agreement States was sent to you by letter dated November 20, 1996 (SP-96-118). For your information, NRC does not consider its staff qualified until, at a minimum, the exams for required courses are successfully completed. Non-qualified NRC staff are not permitted to conduct independent inspections and license reviews in areas where they have not successfully completed the minimum training requirements.

One final re-examination may be given to a student for any given course. Any student who fails a re-examination must repeat the course to satisfy the training requirement.

The subject course can be successfully completed by attendance at a future course presentation and passing the examination. If you need additional information, please contact me at 301-415-2325 or Brenda Usilton at 301-415-2348.

Sincerely,

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Josephine M. Piccone, Deputy Director
Office of State and Tribal Programs

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