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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN

INCIDENT AND EVENT INFORMATION: NMED PROGRAM "EVENTS CLOSED" MODIFICATION (STP-02- 086)

The Agreement States provided several comments regarding proposed modifications to the Nuclear Material Events Database (NMED), including a need to identify events that have not been closed out by the State. Subsequent to the initial notification to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the State may have conducted an investigation, or received a follow-up report from the licensee, but the follow-up results may not have been provided to NRC. In response to these comments, the Agency has incorporated the following proposed modification into a planned upgrade of the NMED software program.

NMED "Events Closed by Region/State" Modification. A new field has been added to the NMED web site to enable a keyword search for records that have been closed by the applicable regulatory agency, under "Events Closed by Region/State." Agreement States should notify NRC, through the NMED contractor, INEEL, when the event record has been officially closed. There is no procedural change for those 19 Agreement States currently using the Access 2000 NMED software program for event reporting, as this step is already included in the automated process. For the purposes of NMED, "event record closed" designates that the event investigation has been completed and the NMED record contains accurate and complete technical information on the event, as defined in Section 3. of the Office of State and Tribal Programs Procedure SA-300, Reporting Material Events.

For help in using the NMED software program, you may contact the INEEL staff at NMED@inel.gov for assistance in identifying records that have not been closed by the applicable regulatory agency. The INEEL staff may also be contacted at this address if you need additional assistance on the use of the NMED program in other areas.

We want to thank the Agreement States for providing helpful comments to improve the event reporting process.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below.

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