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Dear Mr. Marshall:

As you are aware, NRC is using the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) for the evaluation of Agreement State Programs. Per our discussion, I will be the team leader for the follow-up IMPEP review of the Nevada program scheduled for the week of April 7, 2003. The team will include Linda McLean, NRC Region IV State Agreements Officer, Wade Loo, NRC Region II, Barbara Hamrick, State of California, and me.

On February 11, 2002, the Management Review Board (MRB) met to consider the proposed final IMPEP report on the Nevada Agreement State Program. During the meeting, the MRB directed that a follow-up review be conducted in early 2003 that focused on numerous areas of the State's radiation control program.

In accordance with the MRB's recommendation, the scope of this follow-up review will be an assessment and evaluation of the following performance indicators: (1) Status of Materials Inspection Program; (2) Technical Staffing and Training; (3) Response to Incidents and Allegations; (4) Legislation and Program Elements Required for Compatibility; and (5) Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Program. In addition to a review of select casework completed since the September 2001 IMPEP review, the team will review your actions in response to the seven recommendations made for these indicators.

The team will also discuss the current status of the performance indicators found satisfactory during the last IMPEP review. This discussion will not be a formal assessment of these indicators. The team will use the guidance in STP Procedure SA-116, "Periodic Meetings with Agreement States Between IMPEP Reviews," for conducting this discussion. This procedure was distributed to you and may also be found on the STP web site.

I request that you set up an appointment with the appropriate State Senior Management Official to discuss the results of the follow-up IMPEP review of the Nevada program on April 11, 2003.

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If you have questions, please call me at (630) 829-9661.

Sincerely,

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