

FINAL MINUTES: NEVADA INRC TELECONFERENCE OF AUGUST 7, 2002

The participants were as follows:

Paul Lohaus, STP Stanley Marshall, NV
Patricia Larkins, STP Lance Rakovan, STP
Kathleen Schneider, STP Linda McLean, RIV
Kevin Hsueh, STP

SUBJECT: Status of program activities to address the findings and recommendations of the September 10-14, 2001 IMPEP review of the Nevada Agreement State program

1. Introduction. Introductions of attendees were conducted. The discussion followed an agenda corresponding to the Nevada Radiological Health Section bi-monthly progress report dated July 29, 2002, and a revised statistical data update provided August 2, 2002. Ms. Larkins invited Mr. Marshall to provide a general summary statement on the status of the program. Mr. Marshall provided updated information regarding the ongoing budgetary audit that includes an option for full cost recovery from fees. Based on the Administration's decision that the current general funding plan (including 10% from fees) would not support any funding increases, plans are underway to develop a fee program. The Nevada auditors are continuing discussions with other States to review their fee program models. The current fee model may not address future program needs. The two year biennial budget is up for renewal June 30th. The Section has put together a proposed budgetary improvement plan to address future issues of funding, training, and maintaining competitive salaries, including an additional 5 FTE.

Mr. Marshall stated that the Section developed, and management has endorsed, a "recovery plan." The "recovery plan" includes actions to further reduce the inspection backlog at an accelerated pace through June 30, 2003.

2. Status of Actions in August 7, 2002 Progress Report: Response to recommendations from the September 10-14, 2001 IMPEP review.

Status of Materials Inspection Program. Nevada's response provided information on inspections, by priority overdue greater than 25% under the NRC schedule. The response provided a greater level of detail for both the current status of overdue inspections (including initial inspections) and the overall status of the program to maintain inspections current with the priority system.

Mr. Marshall discussed a recovery plan developed by the Section, and endorsed by management, that includes actions to further reduce the inspection backlog at an accelerated pace through June 30, 2003. Under the plan an interim adjustment of selected activities will be made to accommodate the temporary reassignment of five (5) fully qualified Section staff. The five staff will work primarily on reduction and elimination of the overdue inspections. The effort would direct approximately 3 FTE to support the Nevada State Health Division radioactive material licensing and inspection activities.

In response to previous discussions with Mr. Marshall, Ms. Larkins provided information on automated software programs in other States of similar size to the Nevada program that could retain historical data. Mr. Marshall indicated interest in automated programs developed using an automated software program similar to the FoxPro and Microsoft Access 97 currently used by Nevada. Several states were contacted and the Kansas staff has developed a Microsoft Access 2000 database program in-house, that they are willing to

share. The State demonstrated the program at the Minnesota CRCPD meeting. Mr. Lohaus also suggested reviewing the Utah automated program.

Action: Provide updated information on the status of inspections in the next progress report.

Technical Staffing and Training.

Mr. Marshall indicated that plans to shift licensing activities back to the Las Vegas office in parallel with in-house training for the two new staff members and plans to move forward with adoption of a formal qualification program have been impacted by the "recovery plan" actions. The plan directs 5 fully qualified staff (approximately 3.0 FTE) to temporarily support the Nevada State Health Division radioactive material licensing and inspection activities. The staffing shift is expected to reduce and eliminate the inspection backlog, and impact the schedule of some planned activities for new staff.

Action: Provide updated status in next progress report.

Program Elements Required for Compatibility. Nevada's response provided information on the development of legally binding requirements and the adoption of compatible regulations. The proposed schedule included considerable time for the legal review, based on the State's current process.

Action: Provide updated status in next progress report due October 2, 2002.

Schedule for Next Meeting: The next meeting has been scheduled for October 16,

2002 1:00 p.m. EDT

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AGENDA

NEVADA I NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
TELECONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2002, 1:00-2:00 pm EDT

Non-NRC Participant's Role
1-800-638-8081 Passcode: 2356

NRC Participants:
301-231-5539 Passcode: 2356

(Telephone Lines will open at 12:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT: DISCUSS JULY 26, 2002 PROGRESS REPORT

3. Introduction (NRC/Nevada)

4. Status of Materials Inspection Program (Nevada Program)
 - a. Status of due and overdue inspections by priority
 - b. Program plan description to address reduction of the backlog in overdue core inspections and maintenance of the remainder of the core inspections current within the program's inspection priority system
- Questions/discussion
3. Technical Staffing and Training (Nevada Program)
 - a. Status of interim and full qualification program for new staff
 - b. Status of internal staffing assessment review
- Questions/discussion
4. Legislation and Program Elements Required for Compatibility (Nevada Program)
 - a. Status of action plan to adopt NRC regulations in accordance with current policy on adequacy and compatibility
 1. Regulation adoption schedule
 2. Legally binding requirements schedule (e.g. license conditions drafted to incorporate NRC requirements, after adoption by NRC.)

Questions/discussion