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MINUTES: NEVADA/NRC TELECONFERENCE OF FEBRUARY 25, 2003

**SUBJECT: NEVADA'S PROGRESS REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2003  
NEVADA/NRC TELECONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 25, 2003**

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1. Introduction: The discussion followed an agenda corresponding to the Nevada Radiological Health Section's (the Section) bimonthly progress report dated February 18, 2003.
2. Status of Materials Inspection Program:

Mr. Marshall provided a summary statement on the status of the program and provided updated information regarding the ongoing budgetary audit that includes an option for full cost recovery from fees. It appears that proposed fee increases will not be presented to the Nevada Board of Health for adoption in March as anticipated, but will likely be addressed later in the year.

Staff continues to pursue overdue/due inspections with intent to reduce the backlog by March 2003, and eliminate the backlog by June 30, 2003, in accordance with the Nevada State Health Division's (the Division) inspection recovery plan implemented on July 30, 2002. Efforts are underway to reduce/eliminate overdue priority inspections and monitor due priority inspections before they become overdue. The recovery plan continues with noted reductions in overdue/due inspections.

Reconstruction of the radioactive material license database is near completion. The Division has received new additional software to be used to manipulate a database conversion to make the data accessible for management, accounting, technical and clerical purposes.

The final audit report of Nevada's radioactive materials program initiated last year is expected to be delivered to Agency Administration on February 19, 2003.

3. Technical Staffing and Training

The September 2002 staff vacancy remains locked in the state hiring freeze; however, recruitment has been initiated to assess availability of qualified staff. The State budget suggests that there is a 700 million dollar shortfall. The Governor is proposing tax increases and program cuts over a two year period. The Section's budget will probably be approved with no increase, and at the current staffing level (i.e., no increase in staff). The current FTE is 2.8 to 3.0 for radioactive materials inspection and licensing. Mr. Marshall stated that the program needs to double the staff to complete the current and projected workload. Any increase in FTE will be contingent upon a fee increase.

4. Legislation and Program Elements Required for Compatibility

Public workshops were conducted on February 3 in Las Vegas and on February 6 in Reno. An informal discussion with STP staff is expected to occur this month and with presentation of the proposed technical regulations at the March 28 Board of Health meeting. The State confirmed that previous NRC comments on the draft package have been addressed in the current draft version.

5. SS&D requests received by the State and the State's plans for the SS&D program

The Section intends to develop a briefing outline to present to agency management for transfer of the SS&D program element back to the NRC during the next month or so.

6. Discussion on Follow-up IMPEP Review

Mr. Lynch discussed the follow-up review scheduled for the week of April 7.