

MINUTES: KANSAS TELECONFERENCE OF MARCH 3, 2004

These minutes are presented in the same general order as the items were discussed in the meeting. The participants were as follows:

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STAFFING AND TRAINING:

Bureau management informed the NRC staff that they have filled the vacancy and are now fully staffed according to the staffing allocation. The newest employee will report for duty on March 8, 2004. This employee has a Master's degree in public health with an emphasis in medical. Management plans to cross train this employee to perform both licensing and inspection functions.

The custom nuclear medicine and brachytherapy course is scheduled for the week of March 8, 2004. The Bureau's technical staff including the Asbestos staff will be attending.

LICENSING:

The Bureau is tracking timeliness of licensing actions. The staff have been able to complete actions within 41 days on average. The Bureau currently has no licensing backlog. The decommissioning activities have been completed at the Coleman site and the Bureau is waiting for the licensee's final report.

INSPECTIONS:

The Bureau continues to manage the inspection workload and have no overdue inspections. One inspector is conducting approximately nine inspections per month. Each inspection is completed within 13 days on average. Bureau management reported that the staff conducted inspections of 18 percent of the candidates' reciprocity applications for calendar year 2003.

REGULATIONS:

After the November 4, 2003, periodic meeting, a teleconference was conducted on December 3, 2003, to discuss the process of sending the revised regulations into the NRC for review to facilitate an efficient review. As a result of this discussion, Bureau management identified areas of their proposed regulations that needed additional modification in order to meet the compatible requirements of NRC's regulations. The State is continuing the rewrite of the x-ray and radioactive materials regulations contained in 14 Parts.

IMPEP:

Status of Recommendations from the 2002 IMPEP

Recommendation: The team recommends the State ensure that the Agreement Materials Program has adequate resources and an adequate complement of qualified staff. (Section 3.3)

Status: The Bureau informed the NRC staff that the Governor had submitted the draft fee legislation for consideration during this legislative session. The Bill was passed by the Senate with minor modifications. The Bill is currently being considered by the Environment Committee in the House.

There is no change in status for the remaining three recommendations from the 2002 IMPEP.