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March 23, 2004

Mr. Carl J. Paperiello
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Dear Mr. Paperiello:

The final report of the follow-up Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review of the Rhode Island radiation control program has been received. I understand that the Management Review Board (MRB) has agreed to discontinue the heightened oversight process, but that our activities will continue to be monitored through quarterly teleconferences.

I am writing to update you on the status of the one open recommendation regarding the adoption of the overdue regulations required for compatibility. We anticipate that the regulations will be in effect in June 2004, based on the following timetable:

- 1) February 26, 2004 – The Radiation Advisory Commission voted to accept the draft amendments to the Rhode Island Rules and Regulations for the Control of Radiation, including compatibility items. A copy of the draft-amended regulations was submitted to the Office of State Programs for their review.
- 2) April 20, 2004 – A public hearing will be held to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed regulations. Two (2) weeks will be allowed for the submission of any written commentary on the proposed regulations.
- 3) Mid-May, 2004 – Assuming no substantive changes to the regulations, they will be filed with the Secretary of State's Office.
- 4) Mid-June, 2004 -- The regulations become effective twenty [20] days after filing and have the force of law.

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We will notify our Regional State Agreements Officer when the regulations become law.

I also appreciate the cooperation between our agencies and look forward to our continued working relationship.

Sincerely,

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