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Mr. Dane Finerfrock, Director
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Dear Mr. Finerfrock:

In order to help both Agreement States and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) remain knowledgeable of each others' programs and to conduct planning for the next Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review, the IMPEP process includes holding one-day periodic meetings with Agreement States between IMPEP reviews. In accordance with the Office of State and Tribal Programs (STP) Procedure SA-116, we request a meeting, no longer than one day, to discuss your Agreement State Program and share programmatic information.

This letter confirms that, after previous coordination, the meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2005, and will be held in your offices. In addition to myself, Mr. Dennis Sollenberger, STP, assigned as Project Officer for Utah, and Ms. Jennifer Tobin, STP, will be the other NRC representatives in attendance. Based on our previous discussions the likely topics for discussion at the meeting are listed on the enclosed agenda.

Utah's Agreement was amended in 2004, adding the oversight of uranium recovery operations in your State; therefore, this meeting will also include a review of that program. Based on your discussions with Dennis Sollenberger, this meeting will serve as a forum to exchange information and to identify areas of concern during the initial implementation of this portion of your Agreement State program. This meeting is not a formal evaluation and is not intended to include reviews of any licensing, inspection, or incident files. Review of some documents, however, may be useful during the meeting to clarify points made in discussions (e.g., summary printouts of inspection information, close-out letters in incident files).

If there are any additional specific topics you would like to cover, or if you would like to focus on a specific area, please let me know. If you have any questions, please call me at 817-860-8116, or via e-mail to mlm1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Periodic Meeting Agenda August 9, 2005

1. Status of State's actions to address all open previous IMPEP review findings and/or open recommendations.
2. Strengths and/or weaknesses of the State program as identified by the State or NRC including identification of actions that could diminish weaknesses.
3. Feedback on NRC's program as identified by the State and including identification of any action that should be considered by NRC.
4. Status of State Program including:
 - a. Staffing and training:
 - i) Number of staff in the program and status of their training and qualifications;
 - ii) Program vacancies;
 - iii) Staff turnover;
 - iv) Adequacy of FTEs for the materials program.
 - b. Materials Inspection Program:
 - i) Discuss the status of the inspection program including if an inspection backlog exists and the steps being taken to work off backlog.
 - c. Regulations and Legislative changes:
 - i) Discuss status of State's regulations and actions to keep regulations up to date, including the use of legally binding requirements.
 - d. Program reorganizations:
 - i) Discuss any changes in program organization including program/staff relocations and new appointments.
 - e. Changes in Program budget/funding.
5. Event Reporting, including follow-up and closure information in NMED.
6. Response to Incidents and Allegations:
 - a. Status of allegations and concerns referred by the NRC for action;
 - b. Significant events and generic implications.
7. Information exchange and discussion:
 - a. Current State initiatives;
 - b. Emerging technologies;

- c. Large, complicated or unusual authorizations for use of radioactive materials, including, (e.g., major decommissioning and license termination actions)
 - d. State's mechanisms to evaluate performance (as applicable):
 - i) Self audits;
 - ii) Computer tracking;
 - iii) Inspector accompaniments;
 - iv) Other management tools.
 - e. NRC current initiatives.
- 8. Other topics
 - 9. Schedule for the next IMPEP review.