

## CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY WITH NEW HAMPSHIRE

DATE OF CALL: June 14, 2005

### ATTENDEES:

Sam Collins, Region I  
George Pangburn, Region I  
Duncan White, Region I  
Paul Lohaus, STP  
Dennis Rathbun, STP  
Kevin Hsueh, STP  
John Zabko, STP  
Alice Bruning, NH  
Dennis O'Dowd, NH

### BACKGROUND:

Subsequent to the June 2004 New Hampshire IMPEP, the Management Review Board requested bimonthly conference calls be conducted between the appropriate New Hampshire and NRC staffs to discuss the State's Program Improvement Plan (PIP) regarding their performance with technical staffing and training and compatibility requirements. This is the fourth conference call since the 2004 IMPEP review.

Ms. Bruning provided a letter dated May 31, 2005 to Mr. Lohaus (ML051650150) that summarized the program progress achieved since the IMPEP review and included an updated Program Improvement Plan, and a May 2005 Status Report on Milestones for Adopting NRC Regulations Required for Compatibility.

### DISCUSSION OF SUMMARY LETTER, PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND STATUS REPORTS

Effective June 3, 2005, Dennis O'Dowd was selected as the new Administrator of the Program.

Ms. Bruning discussed the two vacant supervisory positions. These positions will be reclassified from Health Physicist II to Radiation Health Physicist IV. The Division will fill these positions once the reclassification is complete. Ms. Bruning has sent a supplemental memorandum to Division of Personnel (DOP) to further the process along, but the timing of accomplishing this reclassification is pending DOP completing a larger Department reorganization package. Mr. O'Dowd indicated that the Program is continuing to pursue hiring an individual to fill the laboratory position. This position serves as health physics support during inspections and other field activities. The Program has used this position in the past as an entry level health physics position that could be moved into the Radiation Health Physicist series in the radioactive materials program.

The contract for Vicki Jeffs has been approved and renewed. Ms. Jeffs will be providing licensing support to the Program. The contract for Mario Iannaccone is still pending awaiting the resolution of a professional liability issue.

Mr. O'Dowd indicated that there continues to be no overdue inspections.

Mr. O'Dowd discussed the Program's progress as indicated in the PIP for adopting NRC regulations. The Program will be resubmitting the revised proposed regulation approximately one month later than originally planned (a new date of July 7) in order to incorporate comments from the NRC and the Office of Legislative Services. The re-submission of the proposed regulations one month later will save the Program from correcting the regulations in a separate regulation package at a later time. Mr. Lohaus indicated that some of NRC's comments were the result of some Suggested State Regulations (SSRs) not being entirely compatible with NRC regulations. New Hampshire uses the SSRs as basis for their regulations.

Mr. O'Dowd raised a specific issue identified by one of the State's legal counsel regarding the use of personal information on a form referenced in their regulations. The same reference is in the NRC regulations and a matter of compatibility. Mr. Lohaus indicated that STP would provide the State assistance, including legal interpretation from the NRC's Office of General Counsel, to resolve this issue with State legal counsel.

#### **FOLLOWUP IMPEP REVIEW**

The followup IMPEP review will take place on July 26 -27, 2005 at the Program's offices in Concord. The NRC review team will consist of two individuals (Duncan White and John Zabko).