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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA

UPDATE ON THE STATUS AND ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCREASED CONTROLS (STP-05-081)

I want to take this opportunity to inform you of the status of, and activities associated with, the increased controls for certain materials licensees. The Agreement States and the NRC are working cooperatively to issue the increased controls to affected licensees, and the deadline for issuance is December 2, 2005. To date, we have received proposed legally binding requirements from all but two of the affected State regulatory agencies. As your State completes issuance of the increased controls, please provide the STP contact below with the date issuance was completed and the total number of legally binding requirements issued.

The status of other program milestones is as follows:

- 10 Agreement States have completed issuance of the increased controls, and the NRC issued the increased controls to NRC licensees on November 14, 2005.
- On November 4, 2005 (STP-05-079), we provided the prioritization methodology to the Agreement States, and the staff is currently developing guidance for using the prioritization methodology.
- The staff is currently finalizing a draft temporary instruction (inspection procedure) for the increased controls, which will be distributed to the Agreement States for comment.
- The training date for the first course on the increased controls has been set for the week of February 13-17, 2006, at Sandia National Laboratory in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A training announcement with more detailed information will be provided in the near future.
- The staff is currently working to integrate the oversight of the increased controls into the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP). The Agreement States will be provided an opportunity to comment on these updates to IMPEP.

Please continue to provide us with implementation questions, issues, and comments as they arise, so that they can continue to be promptly addressed. We are currently developing a forum that will be used to enhance communication between the NRC and the States on implementation matters. Finally, we appreciate your continued support of this important national program.

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