

November 9, 2005

Mr. Jim Craig, Director
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Dear Mr. Craig:

Thank you for your October 24, 2005, letter responding to the recommendations in the final Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) report dated September 20, 2005. We have reviewed your responses and we believe that they adequately address our two recommendations.

A periodic meeting will be conducted with your program in approximately 24 months from the September 2005 IMPEP review. The periodic meetings were created to help NRC and Agreement States remain knowledgeable of their respective programs and to plan for the next IMPEP review. As indicated in the final IMPEP report, the next full IMPEP review is tentatively scheduled for September of 2009. During the periodic meeting and at the next IMPEP review in 2009, we will evaluate the effectiveness of these proposed corrective actions as well as the implementation of your overall program.

I appreciate the positive actions that you and your staff have taken to implement our recommendations, and wish to acknowledge your continued support for the Radiation Control Program and the excellence in program administration demonstrated by your staff. I look forward to our agencies continuing to work cooperatively in the future.

Sincerely,

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Janet R. Schlueter, Director
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