CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY WITH NEW HAMPSHIRE

DATE OF CALL: April 21, 2006

PARTICIPANTS:

Duncan White, Region I
Kevin Hsueh, STP
Dennis O'Dowd, Section Administrator
Twila Kenna, Radioactive Materials Manager

BACKGROUND:

Subsequent to the July 2005 New Hampshire Follow-up IMPEP, the Management Review Board (MRB) directed that a conference call be conducted with the State in six months (of the MRB) to assess program performance. This conference was conducted by Regional and STP staff with State radiation program management to fulfill the MRB's request.

DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

The Program has filled the two vacant Health Physicists positions during April 2006 resulting in the full staffing of the Radioactive Materials and Radioactive Machines programs. The positions were filled by the Section's Emergency Planner (David Lake) and the Radiological Laboratory Manager (Craig Knowles). Mr. O'Dowd anticipates that these vacated positions will not impact the Section's overall activities. Mr. O'Dowd further indicated his superior (Alice Ely) has directed the Section to take action to promptly fill the EP position and assist Public Health Laboratory management to fill the position that Mr. Knowles vacated. Ms. Kenna indicated that both individuals will start on-the-job training and will be sent to the appropriate formal courses as they become available. All three administrative positions are filled. The Section continues to have the services of one of the radiation laboratory technicians to support inspections.

The Section continues to make progress with the adoption of NRC amendments required for compatibility. The following NRC amendments were adopted as final regulations since the MRB last November: RATS ID 1996-3, 1997-2, 1998-1, 1998-5, 1999-3, 2001-1 and 2002-1. The Section will be providing a copy of the final version to STP for review. The following regulations (both related to Part 35) are currently being worked on within the Section: RATS ID 2002-2 (currently overdue) and 2005-2. NRC staff identified one NRC amendment (RATS ID 1994-3) that appears to be incorrectly listed on the latest State Regulation Status Sheet as not being completed. The 2004 IMPEP report indicates that this amendment was in the State administrative process for adoption along with other NRC amendments. The State will review their records and provide feedback on this item. Three amendments are currently due that the State has not taken action to adopt: RATS ID: 2003-1, 2004-1 and 2005-1.

The contracts for Vicki Jeffs and Mario Iannaccone are due to expire at the end of June 2006. Mr. O'Dowd indicated that both contracts will have unused hours when they are due to expire and he is looking to extend the period of the contracts.

Ms. Kenna indicated that there continues to be no overdue inspections. The number of pending licensing actions continues to be approximately 25 actions. The State plans to perform its first increased controls inspections in June after staff receives training in May.

Mr. O"Dowd indicated that a significant decontamination and decommissioning action will commence in May at the former Kollsman facility. Mr. Iannaccone will be provided substantive support for this activity

Funding of the Section's activities remain stable and sufficient. Approximately 85% of the Section's funding comes from fees with the balance from the State's utilities for emergency preparedness activities.

AGREEMENT STATE PROJECT OFFICER (ASPO)

NRC staff indicated that Andrea Jones is the new ASPO for New Hampshire.

PERIODIC MANAGEMENT MEETING

The next discussion of the New Hampshire program will take place at the one day periodic management meeting tentatively scheduled for July 11 - 13, 2006.