

July 10, 2006

Mr. Dennis Burke
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Dear Mr. Burke:

Thank you for your June 21, 2006, letter responding to the final Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) report and letter dated May 23, 2006. We have reviewed your response and are pleased to be informed of your commitment to ensuring that the Arizona Agreement State Program will take the necessary actions to make noticeable improvement by the time of the next review.

A periodic meeting will be conducted with your program approximately one year from the February 2006 IMPEP review. The periodic meetings were created to help the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (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 date of the next full IMPEP review will be determined based on the State's progress in addressing the recommendations from the final IMPEP report, as well as the State's overall performance.

I appreciate the positive actions that you and your staff have already taken and will take in the future to correct the areas needing improvement. I wish to acknowledge your continued support for the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency 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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