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Dear Dr. Hammerschmidt:

Thank you for your September 7, 2006, letter responding to the final Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) report and letter dated July 24, 2006. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed your responses to the two recommendations made in the final IMPEP report and believe that your proposed actions adequately address the recommendations.

A periodic meeting will be conducted with your program in approximately 24 months from the April 2006 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 April of 2010. During the periodic meeting and at the next IMPEP review in 2010, we will evaluate the effectiveness of your response to our recommendations, as well as the implementation of your overall program.

I appreciate the positive actions that you and your staff plan to take to address the recommendations. I also 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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