

January 17, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO: Charles L. Miller, Director  
Office of Federal and State Materials  
and Environmental Management Programs

FROM: Luis A. Reyes */RA/*  
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF THE LEAD OFFICE FOR THE LESSONS-LEARNED  
ITEM REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN TO ADDRESS THE FINDINGS IN  
U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT (GAO)  
GAO-07-1038T.

Based on a recommendation from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Lessons-Learned Oversight Board (LLOB), the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs has been assigned as the lead office for a Lessons-Learned Program (LLP) item regarding agency actions taken to address the findings from GAO report GAO-07-1038T, "Actions Taken by NRC to Strengthen Its Licensing Process for Sealed Radioactive Sources Are Not Effective."

As discussed in a memorandum dated January 3, 2008 (ML073600202), the LLOB determined that the NRC's response to the GAO report should be designated as an LLP item based on a review of the thresholds in Management Directive (MD) 6.8, "Lessons-Learned Program" including:

- The item had significant safety and security implications;
- The item could effect the ability of the agency to prevent licensed radioactive materials from being used in a manner hostile to the security of the United States;
- A root cause(s) could be identified; and
- The apparent resolution is actionable.

MD 6.8 provides the guidance for the implementation of the agencies LLP. As discussed in MD 6.8, the major milestones for an office assigned as the lead for an LLP item include:

- Development of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP);
- Presentation of the plan to the LLOB for review and approval;
- Completion of CAP actions;
- Development of a CAP closeout package;
- Presentation of the CAP closeout package to the LLOB for review and approval; and
- Performance of an effectiveness review.

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David Pelton, of my staff, is the lessons-learned program manager. Mr. Pelton will work closely with your staff to assist with the tasking and coordination of the above milestones, recognizing that this issue is already receiving significant agency attention. Mr. Pelton can be reached at 415-1726, if you or your staff have any questions or concerns.

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