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MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Charles L. Miller, Director */RA George Pangburn for/*  
Office of Federal and State Materials and  
Environmental Management Programs

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-07-0144 - U.S.  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION POLICY ON FUNDING OF  
CERTAIN AGREEMENT STATE TRAINING AND TRAVEL COSTS

This memorandum provides the staff's plan for administering a program to equitably provide training and travel for Agreement State staff in accordance with the Commissioners Staff Requirements Memorandum of September 13, 2007. Enclosure 1 is the revised Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) Procedure SA-600, "Training for Agreement State Personnel," which describes the procedure to be implemented by NRC staff and the Agreement State staff for training and associated travel costs for Agreement State staff to attend NRC-sponsored training.

The NRC staff revised the existing procedure to reflect the change in funding policy for Agreement State training and associated travel and the equitable distribution of the training among the Agreement States. The staff provided a revised draft to the States, the Organization of Agreement States (OAS), and the Conference of Radiation Program Directors (CRCPD) to collect their input on the best implementation protocols to ensure that training and travel funding are equitably distributed among the States. In addition, one of the key messages to the States, OAS, and CRCPD has been that the resumption of full funding is intended to help States enhance their programs' performance and foster consistency among State and NRC inspectors and license reviewers.

The comments received from the States have been addressed in the preparation of the final procedure. A comment resolution document was prepared and is provided as Enclosure 2. Both the final FSME Procedure SA-600 and comment resolution documents will be posted on the FSME external web site.

The staff continues to work with the OAS and CRCPD to identify cost effective ways to provide training for Agreement State and NRC staff. For example, the Agreement States are hosting at least three courses in 2008.

If you have any questions on the revised procedure SA-600 or would like a briefing on this matter, we would be pleased to meet with you.

Enclosures:

1. FSME Procedure SA-600
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