April 2, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Klein
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
Commissioner Svinicki

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

SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA BUREAU OF RADIATION PROTECTION'S STEPS TO TRAIN ITS INSPECTORS AND LICENSE REVIEWERS IN THE MEDICAL AREA

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Commission information in response to the Staff Requirements Memorandum for SECY-08-0008, "Section 274b Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," dated February 12, 2008, in which the Commission directed staff to ensure that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Bureau of Radiation Protection (Bureau) took the appropriate steps to train its inspectors and license reviewers in the medical area.

Mr. David Allard, Director of the Bureau, provided the current status of staff training, particularly in the medical area, in the enclosed March 10, 2008, letter addressed to Mr. Brian Holian, Director of the Division of Nuclear Materials Safety in Region I of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The letter indicates the continuation of the inspector accompaniments between Bureau and NRC Region I staff, which has been an integral part of the overall Bureau's training plan. The letter also confirms that the Bureau has developed and implemented alternative means to reach its immediate training goals as was committed in the Bureau's November 1, 2007, letter (ADAMS Accession No. ML073120087) addressed to the NRC. Bureau inspection and licensing staff has attended training at local facilities (i.e., Pennsylvania State University Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Western Pennsylvania Hospital, and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) to broaden their knowledge in the medical area. In addition to these alternative means of training, the Bureau has conducted in-house training sessions and continues to plan for and send staff to NRC-sponsored training class as they are scheduled.

As indicated in SECY-08-0008, following the execution of the Agreement, the NRC has mechanisms in place to evaluate the Commonwealth's progress through its continued program of active interaction with the Commonwealth. In fact, communications are generally more frequent with a new Agreement State during the first few years after an Agreement is signed. In

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