September 8, 2008

Beverly Hall, Chief
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Department of Environment & Natural Resources
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Dear Ms. Hall:

As you are aware, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) uses the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) for the evaluation of Agreement State Programs. Per our previous discussion, I will be the team leader for the IMPEP review of the North Carolina program scheduled for December 1-5, 2008. The review team will include Jim Kottan from the NRC Region I Office, Geoff Warren from the NRC Region III Office, Cindy Becker from the State of Florida, and Ray Jisha from the State of Texas.

Enclosed is the document, "Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program Questionnaire." The questionnaire was previously furnished to you electronically. I ask that you send your responses via e-mail to me at james.lynch@nrc.gov by November 14, 2008. I am sending the document in advance of the IMPEP review in order to provide time for you to allocate the staff resources necessary to complete the document by the due date.

Also included with the questionnaire is the document “Materials Requested to Be Available for the On-Site Portion of an IMPEP Review.” We encourage you to have the items listed prepared prior to the IMPEP team’s arrival.

I request that you set up an appointment with the appropriate State Senior Management Official to discuss the results of the IMPEP review of the North Carolina Agreement State Program on the morning of December 5th.

If you have any questions, please call me at (630) 829-9661.

Sincerely,

/RA/

James L. Lynch
State Agreements Officer

Enclosure:
As stated

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INTEGRATED MATERIALS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM

QUESTIONNAIRE

NORTH CAROLINA
Reporting Period: August 21, 2004 to Present

Note: If there has been no change in the response to a specific question since the last IMPEP questionnaire, the State or Region may copy the previous answer, if appropriate.

A. GENERAL

1. Please prepare a summary of the status of the State's or Region's actions taken in response to the comments and recommendations following the last review.

B. COMMON PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

I. Technical Staffing and Training

2. Please provide the following organization charts, including names and positions:

   (a) A chart showing positions from Governor down to Radiation Control Program Director;

   (b) A chart showing positions of current radiation control program including management; and

   (c) Equivalent charts for sealed source and device evaluation, low-level radioactive waste and uranium recovery programs, if applicable.

3. Please provide a staffing plan, or complete a listing using the suggested format below, of the professional (technical) full-time equivalents (FTE) applied to the radioactive materials program by individual. Include the name, position, and, for Agreement States, the fraction of time spent in the following areas: administration, materials licensing & compliance, emergency response, low-level radioactive waste, uranium recovery, other. If these regulatory responsibilities are divided between offices, the table should be consolidated to include all personnel contributing to the radioactive materials program. Include all vacancies and identify all senior personnel assigned to monitor work of junior personnel. If consultants were used to carry out the program's radioactive materials responsibilities, include their efforts. The table heading should be:

Name	Position	Area of Effort	FTE%

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4. Please provide a listing of all new professional personnel hired since the last review, indicate the degree(s) they received, if applicable, and additional training and years of experience in health physics, or other disciplines, as appropriate.

5. Please list all professional staff who have not yet met the qualification requirements for a license reviewer or materials inspector. For each, list the courses or equivalent training/experience they need and a tentative schedule for completion of these requirements.

6. Identify any changes to your qualification and training procedure that occurred during the review period.

7. Please identify the technical staff that left your program during the review period.

8. List any vacant positions in your program, the length of time each position has been vacant, and a brief summary of efforts to fill the vacancy.

9. For Agreement States, does your program have an oversight board or committee which provides direction to the program and is composed of licensees and/or members of the public? If so, please describe the procedures used to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

II. Status of Materials Inspection Program

10. Please identify individual licensees or categories of licensees the State is inspecting less frequently than called for in NRC's Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 2800 and explain the reason for the difference. The list only needs to include the following information: licensee name, license number, your inspection interval, and rationale for the difference.

11. Please provide the number of routine inspections of Priority 1, 2, and 3 licensees, as defined in IMC 2800; the number of initial inspections; and the number of increased controls inspections that were completed during the review period.

12. Please submit a table, or a computer printout, that identifies inspections of Priority 1, 2, and 3 licensees, increased controls, and initial inspections that were conducted overdue per the applicable guidance. Priority 1, 2, and 3 licensees and initial inspections must be conducted at least as frequently as the inspection intervals established in IMC 2800. Increased controls inspections should be conducted at the intervals established in the Staff Requirements Memorandum for COMSECY-05-0028.

    At a minimum, the list should include the following information for each inspection that was conducted overdue during the review period:

    (1) Licensee Name
    (2) License Number
    (3) Priority (IMC 2800)
    (4) Last inspection date or license issuance date, if initial inspection

(5) Date Due
(6) Date Performed
(7) Amount of Time Overdue
(8) Date inspection findings issued

13. Please submit a table or computer printout that identifies any Priority 1, 2, and 3 licensees, increased controls, and initial inspections that are currently overdue, per the applicable guidance. At a minimum, the list should include the same information for each overdue inspection provided for Question 12 plus your action plan for completing the inspection.

14. Please provide the number of reciprocity licensees that were candidates for inspection per year as described in IMC 1220 and the number of candidate licensee reciprocity inspections that were completed each year during the review period.

III. Technical Quality of Inspections

15. What, if any, changes were made to your written inspection procedures during the reporting period?

16. Prepare a table showing the number and types of supervisory accompaniments made during the review period. Include:

Inspector	Supervisor	License Category	Date

17. Describe or provide an update on your instrumentation, methods of calibration and laboratory capabilities. Are all instruments properly calibrated at the present time? Were there sufficient calibrated instruments available throughout the review period?

IV. Technical Quality of Licensing Actions

18. How many specific radioactive material licenses does the Program regulate at this time?

19. Please identify any major, unusual, or complex licenses which were issued, received a major amendment, were terminated, decommissioned, submitted a bankruptcy notification or renewed in this period.

20. Identify any licensees or groups of licensees that were issued increased controls during the review period. Those licensees that were initially identified during the initial implementation of increased controls need not be listed.

21. Discuss any variances in licensing policies and procedures or exemptions from the regulations granted during the review period.

22. What, if any, changes were made in your written licensing procedures (new procedures, updates, policy memoranda, etc.) during the reporting period?

23. Identify by licensee name and license number any renewal applications that have been pending for one year or more. Please indicate why these reviews have been delayed and describe your action plan to reduce the backlog.

V. Technical Quality of Incident and Allegation Activities

24. For Agreement States, please provide a list of any reportable incidents not previously submitted to NRC (See Procedure SA-300, *Reporting Material Events*, for additional guidance, OMB clearance number 3150-0178). The list should be in the following format:

Licensee Name	License #	Date of Incident/Report	Type of Incident

25. During this review period, did any incidents occur that involved equipment or source failure or approved operating procedures that were deficient? If so, how and when were other State/NRC licensees who might be affected notified? For States, was timely notification made to NRC? For Regions, was an appropriate and timely PN generated? For Agreement States, was information on the incident provided to the agency responsible for evaluation of the device for an assessment of possible generic design deficiency? Please provide details for each case.

26. Identify any changes to your procedures for responding to incidents and allegations that occurred during the period of this review.

C. NON-COMMON PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

I. Compatibility Requirements

27. Please list all currently effective legislation that affects the radiation control program. Denote any legislation that was enacted or amended during the review period.

28. Are your regulations subject to a "Sunset" or equivalent law? If so, explain and include the next expiration date for your regulations.

29. Please review and verify that the information in the enclosed State Regulation Status (SRS) sheet is correct. For those regulations that have not been adopted by the State, explain why they were not adopted, and discuss actions being taken to adopt them. If legally binding requirements were used in lieu of regulations, please describe their use.

30. If you have not adopted all amendments within three years from the date of NRC rule promulgation, briefly describe your State's procedures for amending regulations in order to maintain compatibility with the NRC, showing the normal length of time anticipated to complete each step.

II. Sealed Source and Device (SS&D) Evaluation Program

31. Prepare a table listing new and amended (including transfers to inactive status) SS&D registrations of devices issued during the review period. The table heading should be:

SS&D Registry Number	Manufacturer, Distributor or Custom User	Product Type or Use	Date Issued	Type of Action

32. Please include information on the following questions in Section A, as they apply to the SS&D Program:

Technical Staffing and Training - Questions 2-9
Technical Quality of Licensing Actions - Questions 18-23
Technical Quality of Incident and Allegation Activities - Questions 24-26

III. Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Program

33. Please include information on the following questions in Section A, as they apply to the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Program:

Technical Staffing and Training - Questions 2-9
Status of Materials Inspection Program - Questions 10-14
Technical Quality of Inspections - Questions 15-17
Technical Quality of Licensing Actions - Questions 18-23
Technical Quality of Incident and Allegation Activities - Questions 24-26

IV. Uranium Recovery Program

34. Please include information on the following questions in Section A, as they apply to the Uranium Recovery Program:

Technical Staffing and Training - Questions 2-9
Status of Materials Inspection Program - Questions 10-14
Technical Quality of Inspections - Questions 15-17
Technical Quality of Licensing Actions - Questions 18-23
Technical Quality of Incident and Allegation Activities - Questions 24-26

MATERIALS REQUESTED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR
THE ON-SITE PORTION OF AN IMPEP REVIEW

Please have the following information available for use by the IMPEP review team when they arrive at your office:

- □ List of open license cases, with date of original request, and dates of followup actions.
- □ List of licenses terminated during review period.
- □ Copy of current log or other document used to track licensing actions.
- □ List of all licensing actions completed during the review period (sorted by license reviewer, if possible).
- □ Copy of current log or other document used to track inspections.
- □ List of all inspections completed during the review period (sorted by inspector, if possible).
- □ List of inspection frequencies by license type.
- □ List of all allegations occurring during the review period. Show whether the allegation is open or closed and whether it was referred by NRC.

ALSO, PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE:

- □ All State regulations
- □ Statutes affecting the regulatory authority of the State program
- □ Standard license conditions
- □ Technical procedures for licensing, model licenses, review guides
- □ SS&D review procedures, guides, and standards
- □ Instrument calibration records
- □ Inspection procedures and guides
- □ Inspection report forms
- □ Documented training plan, if applicable
- □ Records of results of supervisory accompaniments of inspectors
- □ Emergency plan and communications list
- □ Procedures for investigating allegations
- □ Procedures for investigating incidents
- □ Enforcement procedures, including procedures for escalated enforcement, severity levels, civil penalties (as applicable)
- □ Job descriptions

Enclosure