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Dear Mr. Virgilio:

The State of New Mexico Environment Department is in receipt of your October 31, 2009 letter transmitting the final IMPEP report for the New Mexico Radioactive Materials Program.

We are gratified that our program was deemed adequate to protect the public health and safety and that we are upholding the compatibility requirements consistent with the commitments made by our state in our Agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

With regard to the recommendations contained on page 11 of the Final Report for the New Mexico IMPEP, John Parker has assured me that the Radiation Control Bureau is now implementing a new process for notifying NRC Operations Center of reportable events. This process is intended to rectify the deficiencies noted during the IMPEP review. We have downloaded the most recent NMED software and are sending someone to the NMED training next February in Oklahoma, hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. All the open items on NMED have been closed, and new information will be entered into NMED in a timely manner.

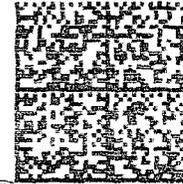
Please contact me should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ron Curry, Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department
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