Note to file: Call with NJ staff regarding team comments on Agreement Application

Date: March 3, 2009

Attendees: **NRC:**
Torre Taylor; Dennis Sollenberger

New Jersey:
Pat Gardner, Jenny Goodman, Rich Peros; Bill Csaszer; Dennis Zannoni; Catherine Biel

Subject: Conference Call with State Staff to Discuss NRC Team Comments

We discussed comments from NRC review team.

I submitted consolidated comments from the team on 2/27/2009 and on 3/3/2009 (additional consolidated comments on the licensing elements). NJ staff has a copy to facilitate their review, correction, and/or revisions.

Additionally, we discussed staff training and inspection accompaniments with Region I inspectors. Regarding training, they are getting into the courses pretty well, with a few exceptions. NJ feels that this will be even better after VA obtains their Agreement. NJ is hosting the inspection course the week of 3/9/2009 and the licensing course late April 2009. They have gotten everyone in to these 2 courses that need the training.

They are still having some difficulties getting out with NRC inspectors – especially in medical areas. NJ indicated that they have only been able to make this work for less than 10% of the inspections on the list – at best. They get a list from Donna and get it back with the NJ staff names by the ones that they need to go on. Donna coordinates this with the inspection staff in RI. Essentially, there have been numerous schedule changes; this is making it difficult to get out. NJ is trying to be flexible – there is enough staff that even with this, they should be able to get someone out. But it's been difficult to get to the types of facilities they need to see. Bill Csaszer has been arranging numerous site visits directly with licensees – pharmacy, gamma knife, and irradiators.

We'll discuss this with Donna and see what we can do to facilitate this. After VA becomes an Agreement State, they hope that it will be easier to schedule.

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NJ staff will starting working on addressing team comments; try to get the bigger items in this week since the inspection course is next week. We discussed the schedule – we really don't have 2 weeks to get this completed.

I need to get back to NJ re: the inspection procedures – 87135 and 87136 related to increased controls. NJ will need to incorporate these.

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A broader question is how current do they have to keep everything and send in? They are trying to keep everything together that NRC sends them for one set of revision as needed. Per Monica – probably will for bigger items – hopefully no major rulemaking coming final, etc.

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