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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MICHIGAN

THE FORMATION OF THE INSPECTION MANUAL CHAPTER 1246 WORKING GROUP AND REQUEST FOR INPUT ON THE COURSES CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN THE TRAINING CURRICULA FOR MATERIALS LICENSE REVIEWERS AND MATERIALS INSPECTORS (FSME-10- 058)

Purpose: To inform the Agreement States of the creation of a working group to revise the qualification requirements in Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 1246, "Formal Qualification Programs in the Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Program Area," for license reviewers and materials inspectors. This letter also requests input¹ from the Agreement States on the need to create new courses not currently offered by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Human Resources Training and Development program or to revise any current courses in the license reviewer and inspector curricula.

Background: The NRC established a working group in accordance with Management Directive 5.3, "Agreement State Participation in Working Groups," to assess the qualification requirements in IMC 1246 for license reviewers and materials inspectors. The last revision to the IMC qualification requirements occurred in January 2001. The working group will update the qualification journals to reflect an on-the-job style of training. The working group will also address the recommendations made by the Independent External Review Panel and the Materials Program Working Group on the incorporation of security culture into licensing and inspection training. In addition to these changes, the working group will also consider revising or creating training courses for both license reviewer and inspector qualifications. Agreement States will have the opportunity to comment on the work products developed by the working group.

Discussion: Enclosure 1 lists the courses that are currently required and available in the NRC's training catalog as part of the qualifications in IMC 1246 for license reviewers and inspectors. Please review these courses to determine if there should be any updates or modifications to the courses. Should any courses be added to the qualification requirements? Should any courses be removed? Should any new courses be created and should they be required for license reviewer and inspector qualification? Please explain any suggestions.

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As part of the NRC's commitment to incorporating security culture into its licensing and inspection programs, the NRC Materials Control & Security Systems and Principles Course (S-201), also known as the IC Course, will be required for both license reviewers and inspectors. Please comment on this course and suggest modifications to make it more useful to license reviewers and inspectors.

Please provide your input to the point of contact listed below. We would also appreciate consolidated remarks from your technical staff. **We request a written response within 30-days of this letter.** We look forward to receiving your input.

NRC Point of Contact: If you have any questions on this correspondence, please contact me at 301-415-3340 or the individual named below.

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