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Summary

On June 16, 2010, NRC hosted the second Monitoring call with the Oregon Program (the Program). The purpose of the call was to review the Program's progress regarding completion of the three recommendations initially identified during the August 2009 IMPEP review. The recommendations involved staff qualification and training, controlling and marking sensitive documents, and the timely entry of information into NMED.

Discussion

During the initial Monitoring call held on March 16, 2010, the Program reported their progress on the three recommendations identified during the review. The recommendation involving controlling and marking sensitive documents has been completed. It will be reviewed during the next IMPEP review. Two recommendations remain.

Recommendations Status

1. The review team recommends the State develop and use a documented formal qualification program (including refresher training) for inspection and licensing staff that would include journals that clearly indicate each individual's training and qualification, including oral and/or written evaluation of their understanding of regulations and guidance documents.

Status on March 16, 2010: The Program began the process of drafting procedures; however, competing priorities have delayed completion of a formal qualification program for the inspection and licensing staff. One of the procedures includes emphasis on understanding of regulations and guidance documents. Also, guidance has been developed to ensure that each inspector is consistent in assigning severity levels to violations.

<u>Current Status</u>: The Program reported that they have yet to fully complete the procedures and implement the formal qualification program. Some of the procedures are tied to the inspection protocols for the Program which requires review and passage by the Program's Protocol Committee. The Program continues to work towards completion of the procedures.

2. The review team recommends that the Section implement a process to ensure all required information is submitted to NMED and also to promote timely completion of NMED entries.

<u>Status on March 16, 2010</u>: Training on FSME Procedure SA-300, "Reporting Nuclear Material Events," and NMED training is scheduled for May 2010.

<u>Current Status</u>: The Program in conjunction with Idaho National Laboratory provided NMED training to the staff on May 11, 2010. Concurrent with that training, NRC Region IV provided SA-300 training. During that training, discussions were held regarding appropriate and timely reporting to the Headquarters Operations Officer in addition to NMED, and the requirements associated with each type of reporting. The Program is developing a protocol for timely NMED data entry and follow-up to ensure NMED data is properly submitted.

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