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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2010, PERIODIC MEETING

Dear Mr. Lundberg,

In order to help both Agreement States and the NRC remain knowledgeable of each others' programs and to conduct planning for the next IMPEP review, the IMPEP process includes holding one-day periodic meetings with Agreement States between IMPEP reviews.

In accordance with FSME Procedure SA-116, we request a meeting to discuss your Agreement State program and share NRC programmatic information. This letter confirms that, after previous coordination with you, the meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2010, and will be held at your office. In addition, Janine Katanic will represent our Headquarters' Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME).

The possible topics for discussion at the meeting are listed on the enclosed agenda. If there are any additional specific topics you would like to cover, or if you would like to focus on a specific area, please let me know. If you have any questions, please call me at 817-860-8116 or contact me via e-mail to Rachel.Browder@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Utah Periodic Meeting Agenda

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Utah Periodic Meeting Agenda
for
November 4, 2010

1. Status of State's actions to address all open previous IMPEP review findings and/or open recommendations

The review team recommended that the State conduct on-site investigations of complex incidents to determine potential health and safety impacts and to evaluate the licensee's actions to prevent recurrences. (IMPEP Report dated September 28, 2007, Section 3.5)

Based on the IMPEP Report dated October 27, 2008, the review team assessed the Division's policies and procedures and reviewed casework for several incidents, with the exception of therapy-related medical events, since there were none reported. The team recommended and the MRB agreed that this recommendation be closed and that the performance indicator, Technical Quality of Incident and Allegation Activities, be found satisfactory.

The review team recommended that the State institute a more comprehensive inspection program that ensures radiation safety and protection at uranium recovery facilities, including compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and license conditions. (IMPEP Report dated September 28, 2007, Section 4.4.3)

Based on the IMPEP Report dated October 27, 2008, the review team noted that the Division enhanced its uranium mill inspection program and created a comprehensive and robust program that adequately assessed radiation safety at uranium mills. The Division developed and implemented health physics inspection modules that were comprehensive and included all aspects of the licensees' radiation safety programs. Therefore, the team recommended and the MRB agreed that this recommendation be closed and that the performance indicator Uranium Recovery Program be found satisfactory.

2. Strengths and/or weaknesses of the State program as identified by the State or NRC, including identification of actions that could diminish weaknesses.
3. Feedback on NRC's program as identified by the State, including identification of any action that should be considered by NRC.
4. Status of State Program, including:
 - a. Staffing and training:
 - Number of staff in the program and status of their training and qualifications
 - Program vacancies
 - Staff turnover
 - Adequacy of FTEs for the materials program

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- b. Materials Inspection Program:
 - Discuss the status of the inspection program, including whether an inspection backlog exists and the steps being taken to work off the backlog
- c. Regulations and legislative changes:
 - Discuss status of State's regulations and actions to keep regulations up to date, including the use of legally binding requirements
- d. Program reorganizations:
 - Discuss any changes in program organization, including program/staff relocations and new appointments
- e. Changes in Program budget/funding
5. Event reporting, including follow-up and closure information in NMED
6. Response to incidents and allegations:
 - a. Status of allegations and concerns referred by the NRC for action
 - b. Significant events and generic implications
7. Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Program
8. Uranium Recovery Program
9. Information exchange and discussion:
 - a. Current State initiatives
 - b. Emerging technologies
 - c. Large, complicated, or unusual authorizations for use of radioactive materials (e.g., major decommissioning and license termination actions)
 - d. State's mechanisms to evaluate performance (as applicable):
 - Self-audits
 - Computer tracking
 - Inspector accompaniments
 - Other management tools
10. NRC current initiatives
11. Other topics
12. Schedule for the next IMPEP review