

January 12, 2011

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Dear Mr. Thompson:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) uses the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) for the evaluation of Agreement State programs. Per our previous discussion, I will be the team leader for the followup IMPEP review of the Arkansas Agreement State Program scheduled for April 4-8, 2011. Randy Erickson of the NRC's Region IV Office and Stephen James of the Ohio's Bureau of Radiation Protection will also participate on the review team.

On January 14, 2010, the Management Review Board (MRB) met to consider the proposed final IMPEP report on the Arkansas Agreement State Program. During the meeting, the MRB directed that a followup review be conducted in 18 months from the October 2009 on-site review that focused on the performance indicators Technical Staffing and Training, Status of Materials Inspection Program, and Technical Quality of Licensing Actions.

In addition to a review of select casework completed since the October 26-30, 2009 IMPEP review, the team will review your actions in response to the four recommendations made for these indicator(s).

Based on the information submitted in the Program Improvement Plan and the bimonthly heightened oversight teleconferences, I have enclosed an abridged version of the IMPEP Questionnaire containing questions appropriate for the followup review. I ask that you send your responses via e-mail to kathleen.schneider@nrc.gov by March 18, 2011. I encourage you to use electronic documents and provide them in advance of the review to the extent possible, to allow team members to better prepare for the onsite review. Also included with the questionnaire is the document "Materials Requested to Be Available for the On-Site Portion of an IMPEP Review." We encourage States to have the items listed prepared prior to the IMPEP team's arrival.

The team will also discuss the status of the Arkansas program regarding the remaining performance indicators from the October 2009 IMPEP review. These discussions will not be a formal assessment of the balance of your Agreement State Program. The team will use guidance in FSME Procedure SA-116, "Periodic Meetings with Agreement States Between IMPEP Reviews," for conducting these discussions. This procedure was distributed to you and can also be found on the FSME web site.

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I request that you set up an appointment with the appropriate State Senior Managers to discuss the results of the IMPEP review of the Arkansas Agreement State Program on April 8, 2011.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301-415-2320.

Sincerely,

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INTEGRATED MATERIALS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM
QUESTIONNAIRE

ARKANSAS

Reporting Period: October 31, 2009 to present

Note: If there has been no change in the response to a specific question since the last IMPEP questionnaire, the State or Region may copy the previous answer, if appropriate.

A. GENERAL

1. Please prepare a summary of the status of the State's or Region's actions taken in response to each of the open recommendations from previous IMPEP reviews.

B. COMMON PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

I. Technical Staffing and Training

2. Please provide the following organization charts, including names and positions:
 - (a) A chart showing positions from the Governor down to the Radiation Control Program Director;
 - (b) A chart showing positions of the radiation control program, including management; and
 - (c) Equivalent charts for sealed source and device evaluation, low-level radioactive waste and uranium recovery programs, if applicable.
3. Please provide a staffing plan, or complete a listing using the suggested format below, of the professional (technical) full-time equivalents (FTE) applied to the radioactive materials program by individual. Include the name, position, and, for Agreement States, the fraction of time spent in the following areas: administration, materials licensing & compliance, emergency response, low-level radioactive waste, uranium recovery, other. If these regulatory responsibilities are divided between offices, the table should be consolidated to

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include all personnel contributing to the radioactive materials program. If consultants were used to carry out the program's radioactive materials responsibilities, include their efforts. The table heading should be:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Area of Effort</u>	<u>FTE%</u>
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4. Please provide a listing of all new professional personnel hired into your radioactive materials program since the last review, indicate the date of hire; the degree(s) they received, if applicable; additional training; and years of experience in health physics or other disciplines, as appropriate.
5. Please list all professional staff who have not yet met the qualification requirements for a radioactive materials license reviewer or inspector. For each, list the courses or equivalent training/experience they need and a tentative schedule for completion of these requirements.
6. Identify any changes to your qualification and training procedure that occurred during the review period.
7. Please identify the technical staff that left your radioactive materials program during the review period and indicate the date they left.
8. List any vacant positions in your radioactive materials program, the length of time each position has been vacant, and a brief summary of efforts to fill the vacancy.
9. For Agreement States, does your program have an oversight board or committee which provides direction to the program and is composed of licensees and/or members of the public? If so, please describe the procedures used to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

II. Status of Materials Inspection Program

10. Please identify individual licensees or categories of licensees the State is inspecting less frequently than called for in NRC's Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 2800 and explain the reason for the difference. The list only needs to include the following information: license category or licensee name and license number, your inspection interval, and rationale for the difference.
11. Please provide the number of routine inspections of Priority 1, 2, and 3 licensees, as defined in IMC 2800 and the number of initial inspections that were completed during each year of the review period.
12. Please submit a table, or a computer printout, that identifies inspections of Priority 1, 2, and 3 licensees and initial inspections that were conducted overdue.

At a minimum, the list should include the following information for each inspection that was conducted overdue during the review period:

(1) Licensee Name

- (2) License Number
- (3) Priority (IMC 2800)
- (4) Last inspection date or license issuance date, if initial inspection
- (5) Date Due
- (6) Date Performed
- (7) Amount of Time Overdue
- (8) Date inspection findings issued

- 13. Please submit a table or computer printout that identifies any Priority 1, 2, and 3 licensees—and initial inspections that are currently overdue, per IMC 2800. At a minimum, the list should include the same information for each overdue inspection provided for Question 12 plus your action plan for completing the inspection. Also include your plan for completing the overdue inspections.
- 14. Please provide the number of reciprocity licensees that were candidates for inspection per year as described in IMC 1220 and indicate the number of reciprocity inspections of candidate licensees that were completed each year during the review period.

III. Technical Quality of Inspections

Technical Quality of Inspections Questions 15-17 – Not required for the followup review.

IV. Technical Quality of Licensing Actions

- 18. How many specific radioactive material licenses does your program regulate at this time?
- 19. Please identify any major, unusual, or complex licenses which were issued, received a major amendment, were terminated, decommissioned, submitted a bankruptcy notification or renewed in this period.
- 20. Discuss any variances in licensing policies and procedures or exemptions from the regulations granted during the review period.
- 21. What, if any, changes were made in your written licensing procedures (new procedures, updates, policy memoranda, etc.) during the reporting period?
- 22. Identify by licensee name and license number any renewal applications that have been pending for one year or more. Please indicate why these reviews have been delayed and describe your action plan to reduce the backlog.

V. Technical Quality of Incident and Allegation Activities

Technical Quality of Incident and Allegation Activities Questions 23-24 – Not required for the followup review.

C. NON-COMMON PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

I. Compatibility Requirements

Compatibility Requirements - Questions 25, 26 and 28 – Not required for the followup review

27. Please review and verify that the information in the enclosed State Regulation Status (SRS) sheet is correct. For those regulations that have not been adopted by the State, explain why they were not adopted, and discuss actions being taken to adopt them. If legally binding requirements were used in lieu of regulations and they have not been reviewed by NRC for compatibility, please describe their use.

II. Sealed Source and Device (SS&D) Evaluation Program – Not applicable

III. Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Program – Not required for the followup review

IV. Uranium Recovery Program– Not applicable

- possible).
- Copy of current log or other document used to track inspections.
- List of all inspections completed during the review period (sorted by inspector, if possible).
- List of inspection frequencies by license type.
- List of all allegations occurring during the review period. Show whether the allegation is open or closed and whether it was referred by NRC.
- List of all licenses that your agency has imposed additional security requirements upon.

ALSO, PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE:

- All State regulations
- Statutes affecting the regulatory authority of the State program
- Standard license conditions
- Technical procedures for licensing, model licenses, review guides
- SS&D review procedures, guides, and standards
- Instrument calibration records
- Inspection procedures and guides
- Inspection report forms
- Documented training plan, if applicable
- Records of results of supervisory accompaniments of inspectors
- Emergency plan and communications list
- Procedures for investigating allegations
- Procedures for investigating incidents
- Enforcement procedures, including procedures for escalated enforcement, severity levels, civil penalties (as applicable)
- Job descriptions

STATE REGULATION STATUS

State: Arkansas

Tracking Ticket Number:
Date:

[# Amendment(s) reviewed is identified by a ★
at the beginning of the equivalent NRC requirement.]

RATS ID	NRC Chronology Identification	Date Due for State Adoption	Incoming Package	Outgoing Package	Notes
1991-1	Safety Requirements for Radiographic Equipment Part 34 55 FR 843 (Superceded by 1997-5)	01/10/1994	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	Arkansas has adopted final regulations equivalent to RATS ID 1997-5.
1991-2	ASNT Certification of Radiographers Part 34 56 FR 11504 (Superceded by 1997-5)	none	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	Arkansas has adopted final regulations equivalent to RATS ID 1997-5.
1991-3	Standards for Protection Against Radiation Part 20 56 FR 23360; 56 FR 61352; 57 FR 38588; 57 FR 57877; 58 FR 67657; 59 FR 41641; 60 FR 20183;	01/01/1994	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1991-4	Notification of Incidents Parts 20, 30, 31, 34, 39, 40, 70 56 FR 64980;	10/15/1994	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1992-1	Quality Management Program and Misadministrations Part 35 56 FR 34104 (Superceded by 2002-2)	01/27/1995	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	Arkansas has adopted final regulations equivalent to RATS ID 2002-2.
1992-2	Eliminating the Recordkeeping Requirements for Departures from Manufacturer's Instructions Parts 30, 35 57 FR 45566	none	Not Required	Not Required	These regulations are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility.
1993-1	Decommissioning Recordkeeping and License Termination: Documentation Additions [Restricted areas and spill sites] Parts 30, 40 58 FR 39628	10/25/1996	Final ML031270002	Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	

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1993-2	Licensing and Radiation Safety Requirements for Irradiators Part 36 58 FR 7715	07/01/1996	Final ML093090272	No Comments 12/02/2009 ML093230551	
1993-3	Definition of Land Disposal and Waste Site QA Program Part 61 58 FR 33886	07/22/1996	Final ML031270002	Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1994-1	Self-Guarantee as an Additional Financial Mechanism Parts 30, 40, 70 58 FR 68726; 59 FR 1618	none	Not Required	Not Required	These regulations are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility.
1994-2	Uranium Mill Tailings Regulations: Conforming NRC Requirements to EPA Standards Part 40 59 FR 28220	07/01/1997	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Arkansas does not have the authority to regulate this material under its Agreement.
1994-3	Timeliness in Decommissioning Material Facilities Parts 30, 40, 70 59 FR 36026	08/15/1997	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1995-1	Preparation, Transfer for Commercial Distribution, and Use of Byproduct Material for Medical Use Parts 30, 32, 35 59 FR 61767; 59 FR 65243; 60 FR 322	01/01/1998	Final ML031270002	Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1995-2	Frequency of Medical Examinations for Use of Respiratory Protection Equipment Part 20 60 FR 7900	03/13/1998	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1995-3	Low-Level Waste Shipment Manifest Information and Reporting Parts 20, 61 60 FR 15649; 60 FR 25983	03/01/1998	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1995-4	Performance Requirements for Radiography Equipment Part 34 60 FR 28323 (Superseded by 1997-5)	06/30/1998	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	

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1995-5	Radiation Protection Requirements: Amended Definitions and Criteria Parts 19, 20 60 FR 36038	08/14/1998	Final ML031270002	Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1995-6	Clarification of Decommissioning Funding Requirements Parts 30, 40, 70 60 FR 38235	11/24/1998	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1995-7	Medical Administration of Radiation and Radioactive Materials Parts 20, 35 60 FR 48623 (Superceded by 2002-2 and 2005-2)	10/20/1998	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	Arkansas has not yet adopted regulations equivalent to RATS ID 2005-2.
1996-1	Compatibility with the International Atomic Energy Agency Part 71 60 FR 50248; 61 FR 28724 (Superceded by 2004-1)	04/01/1999	Final ML031270002	Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	Arkansas has not yet adopted regulations equivalent to RATS ID 2004-1.
1996-2	One Time Extension of Certain Byproduct, Source and Special Nuclear Materials Licenses Parts 30, 40, 70 61 FR 1109	02/15/1999	Not Required	Not Required	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility.
1996-3	Termination or Transfer of Licensed Activities: Record keeping Requirements Parts 20, 30, 40, 61, 70 61 FR 24669	06/17/1999	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1997-1	Resolution of Dual Regulation of Airborne Effluents of Radioactive Materials; Clean Air Act Part 20 61 FR 65120	01/9/2000	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1997-2	Recognition of Agreement State Licenses in Areas Under Exclusive Federal Jurisdiction Within an Agreement State Part 150 62 FR 1662	02/27/2000	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	

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1997-3	Criteria for the Release of Individuals Administered Radioactive Material Parts 20, 35 62 FR 4120	05/29/2000	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1997-4	Fissile Material Shipments and Exemptions Part 71 62 FR 5907 (Superseded by 2004-1)	02/10/2000	Not Required	Not Required	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility. (See STP-97-078)
1997-5	Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiography Operations Parts 30, 34, 71, 150 62 FR 28947	06/27/2000	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1997-6	Radiological Criteria for License Termination Parts 20, 30, 40, 70 62 FR 39057	08/20/2000	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1997-7	Exempt Distribution of a Radioactive Drug Containing One Micro curie of Carbon-14 Urea Part 30 62 FR 63634	01/02/2001	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1998-1	Deliberate Misconduct by Unlicensed Persons Parts 30, 40, 61, 70, 71, 150 63 FR 1890; 63 FR 13773	02/12/2001	Final ML031270002	No Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1998-2	Self-Guarantee of Decommissioning Funding by Nonprofit and Non-Bond-Issuing Licensees Parts 30, 40, 70 63 FR 29535	07/01/2001	Not Required	Not Required	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility.
1998-3	License Term for Medical Use Licenses Part 35 63 FR 31604 (Superseded by 2002-2)	07/10/2001	Not Required	Not Required	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility. (See STP-98-074) Arkansas has adopted final regulations equivalent to RATS ID 2002-2.

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1998-4	Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiographic Operations Part 34 63 FR 37059	07/09/2001	Final ML063520501	No Comments 01/23/2007 ML070240401	
1998-5	Minor Corrections, Clarifying Changes, and a Minor Policy Change Parts 20, 35, 36 63 FR 39477; 63 FR 45393	10/26/2001	Final ML031270002	Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1998-6	Transfer for Disposal and Manifests: Minor Technical Conforming Amendment Part 20 63 FR 50127	11/20/2001	Final ML031270002	Comments 04/30/2003 ML031220523	
1999-1	Radiological Criteria for License Termination of Uranium Recovery Facilities Part 40 64 FR 17506	06/11/2002	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Arkansas does not have the authority to regulate this material under its Agreement.
1999-2	Requirements for Those Who Possess Certain Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material to Provide Requested Information Part 31 64 FR 42269	10/04/2002	Not Required	Not Required	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility.
1999-3	Respiratory Protection and Controls to Restrict Internal Exposure Part 20 64 FR 54543; 64 FR 55524	02/02/2003	Final ML063520501	No Comments 01/23/2007 ML070240401	
2000-1	Energy Compensation Sources for Well Logging and Other Regulatory Clarifications Part 39 65 FR 20337	05/17/2003	Final ML063520501	No Comments 01/23/2007 ML070240401	
2000-2	New Dosimetry Technology Parts 34, 36, 39 65 FR 63750	01/08/2004	Final ML063520501	No Comments 01/23/2007 ML070240401	

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2001-1	Requirements for Certain Generally Licensed Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material Parts 30, 31, 32 65 FR 79162	02/16/2004	R ⁱ ML080240443	Comments 03/07/2008 ML080660573	
2002-1	Revision of the Skin Dose Limit Part 20 67 FR 16298	04/05/2005	Final ML063520501	No Comments 01/23/2007 ML070240401	
2002-2	Medical Use of Byproduct Material Parts 20, 32, 35 67 FR 20249	10/24/2005	Final ML063520501	No Comments 01/23/2007 ML070240401	
2003-1	Financial Assurance for Materials Licensees Parts 30, 40, 70 68 FR 57327	12/03/2006	Final ML063520501	No Comments 01/23/2007 ML070240401	
2004-1	Compatibility With IAEA Transportation Safety Standards and Other Transportation Safety Amendments Part 71 69 FR 3697	10/01/2007	Proposed ML080240443	Comments 03/07/2008 ML080660573	
2005-1	Security Requirements for Portable Gauges Containing Byproduct Material Part 30 70 FR 2001	07/11/2008	Final ML063520501	No Comments 01/23/2007 ML070240401	
2005-2	Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Recognition of Specialty Boards Part 35 70 FR 16336; 71 FR 1926	04/29/2008	Proposed ML080240443	Comments 03/07/2008 ML080660573	
2005-3	Increased Controls for Risk-Significant Radioactive Sources (NRC Order EA-05-090) 70 FR 72128	12/01/2005	License Condition ML052510171	No Comments 09/09/2005 ML052520313	
2006-1	Minor Amendments Parts 20, 30, 32, 35, 40 and 70 71 FR 15005	03/27/2009	Proposed ML080240443	Comments 03/07/2008 ML080660573	

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2006-2	National Source Tracking System - Serialization Requirements Part 32 with reference to Part 20 Appendix E 71 FR 65685	02/06/2007	Not Applicable ¹	Not Applicable	Arkansas does not have any licensees subject to these regulations. (See SECY-95-112)
2006-3	National Source Tracking System Part 20 71 FR 65685, 72 FR 59162	01/31/2009	Proposed ML080240443 License Condition ML090060786	No Comment 03/07/2008 ML080660573 No Comments 01/22/2009 ML090120596	
2007-1	Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Minor Corrections and Clarifications Parts 32 and 35 72 FR 45147, 54207	10/29/2010			
2007-2	Exemptions From Licensing, General Licenses, and Distribution of Byproduct Material: Licensing and Reporting Requirements Parts 30, 31, 32, 150 72 FR 58473	12/17/2010			
2007-3	Requirements for Expanded Definition of Byproduct Material Parts 20, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 61, 150 72 FR 55864	11/30/2010			
2007-4	Order Imposing Fingerprinting Requirements and Criminal History Records Check Requirements for Unescorted Access to Certain Radioactive Material NRC Order EA-07-305 72 FR 70901	06/05/2008	License Condition ML080240020	No Comments 03/03/2008 ML080630031	
2008-1	Occupational Dose Records, Labeling Containers, and Total Effective Dose Equivalent Parts 19, 20 72 FR 68043	02/15/2011			

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2009-1	Medical Use of Byproduct Material – Authorized User Clarification Part 35 74 FR 33901	09/28/2012			

ⁱ R means proposed revisions to a final rule