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Randy:

As we discussed this morning, please find attached our draft comments on the 2011 Draft Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) Report. We have made a few suggestions on the text which are attached. I did not contact Sandy Gabriel because after further discussions with staff it was decided that it wasn't necessary.

Concerning the review team's recommendations regarding consistent implementation of licensing procedures and additional training on the technical review of licensing actions, we have taken the following steps to correct these items. Staff was directed to review all new licenses issued during the period of September 30, 2009 through March 4, 2011 and ensure that all appropriate checklists, documentation used to review and approve the license, and pre-licensing visit documentation were included in the paper file. In addition, staff reviewed previously issued amendments to ensure that all appropriate paperwork was placed in the license file. Based on these reviews there was no evidence that any new license or amendment was issued inappropriately. For this reason, we are unclear what the IMPEP Reviewer meant by "Technical review was not performed in accordance with NUREG-1556 guidance" since there is no explanation included, and in 5 cases, the IMPEP reviewer did not speak to the license reviewer for the particular file.

Specifically, we would like to add Rich Peros' initials to File No.: 13 in Appendix D. We also would like the comments in the report and in Appendix D regarding File No. 8 to be removed.

This license was issued as a temporary job site for administrative purposes only, so that NJEMS would not send the license a separate assessment for that location. We have since reworked this administrative fix so that it is clear that this location is for a fixed site for possession and storage.

The BER Licensing Procedures were all reviewed and updated to include lessons learned from the IMPEP. Additional checklists similar to what the NRC uses were added to the procedures. Several training sessions were held with staff to go over the results of the IMPEP and to retrain staff with the newly revised licensing procedures. As an additional quality control measure, for the next six months the Manager is reviewing all new licenses and at a minimum 20% of amendments issued.

We appreciate the offer for NRC paid travel for Management Review Board (MRB) participation on May 9, 2011. Four of us will be traveling to NRC headquarters to participate in the MRB. The cost for this travel will be limited to mileage, tolls and parking. Additional staff would like to participate via videoconferencing. Please provide the contact information to set up this conference.

The Department of Environmental Protection appreciates the efforts and professionalism of the IMPEP team. IMPEP reviews serve to validate our program efforts and provide goals for further improvement.

Please contact Jenny Goodman or Bill Csaszar with any questions.

Regards,
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