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MEMORANDUM TO: Stuart Richards, Deputy Division Director  
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For the SSPC Presentation, the following points were made:

SSPC is in the process of developing a nuclear coating contractor certification program that is based on their current qualification programs (QPs) for general industrial painting. The NRC typically would not directly endorse an industry program such as the one discussed by SSPC. The normal process would be that the nuclear coating contractor certification program would be included in ASTM D4286 as one method to determine coating contractor certification. That ASTM standard is endorsed in Regulatory Guide 1.54.

The NRC staff recommended that SSPC coordinate the development of its certification program with the nuclear industry, other standards organizations and Nuclear Utilities Procurement Issues Committee (NUPIC).

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