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ALL AGREEMENT STATES

PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION MANUAL CHAPTER 1248, “QUALIFICATION PROGRAMS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE MATERIALS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS” (FSME-13-043)

Purpose: To inform the Agreement States that Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 1248, “Qualification Programs for Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs,” was published on April 19, 2013.

Background: IMC 1248 establishes the Office of Federal State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) qualification requirements. The publication of IMC 1248 separates FSME’s qualification requirements and journals that were previously in The Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) IMC 1246.

Discussion: IMC 1248 was published with nine qualification journals. Seven of the qualification journals were transferred from IMC 1246 with no changes. The qualification journals for Materials Health Physics License Reviewers (IMC 1248, Appendix A) and Materials Health Physics Inspector (IMC 1248, Appendix B) were completely revised. The revisions include new courses, training on the Pre-Licensing Guidance, Web Based Licensing, and incorporating 10 CFR Part 37, “Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 Quantities of Radioactive Material.” IMC 1248 has been posted on the NRC’s public website at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/insp-manual/manual-chapter/>

The Standing Committee on Compatibility reviewed and determined that the revised qualification journals under IMC 1248 continue to be a matter of compatibility under the Technical Staffing and Training program element. The revised qualification journals continue to be designated as a Compatibility Category C.

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