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Dear Mr. McCraw:

It was a pleasure to meet you and your team during the recent Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program review of our Office of Radiation Protection. These reviews provide valuable feedback on our program efforts by highlighting where improvements can be made, while at the same time validating the exemplary practices that are occurring. I am very pleased with the positive feedback your team provided.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft report of your review. Enclosed are a few technical comments my staff provided.

Again, thank you for your team's thoroughness in helping Washington maintain not just an "adequate and compatible" program, but one that excels. Protecting our residents from the potential harmful effects of radiation is one of the key program areas in our Environmental Public Health Division and we will work with the results of your review to continue to make improvements in our efforts.

Sincerely,

Maryanne Guichard Assistant Secretary

Enclosure

The Department of Health Office of Radiation Protection Technical Comments on Draft Report – Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program Review of Washington Agreement State Program – May 6-10, 2013

Page 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> line, "Environmental Health" should be "Environmental Public Health."

Page 2, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 7<sup>th</sup> line, "Environmental Radiation Monitoring and Assessment Section" should be "Environmental Sciences Section."

Page 2, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 10<sup>th</sup> line, insert "(now Environmental Sciences)" before "Section."

Page 8, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> line, there are two periods at the end of the sentence.

Page 8, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, last line, there are two periods at the end of the sentence.

Page 11, Section 4.2.3, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, recommend adding "(See Appendix E, starting on page E.3)" at the end of the first sentence.

Page 12, 4th paragraph, 3rd line, replace "Environmental Radiation Monitoring and Assessment Section" with "Environmental Sciences Section."

Pages E.1 – E.3, several of the license numbers have the format of "WA-WN-XXXX." There is no "WA" in Washington's license numbers. For example, in File No.: 1, License No.: "WA-WN-I0431" should be "WN-I0431."