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Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

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The likely topics for discussion at this meeting are listed in the enclosed agenda. If there are any additional specific topics you would like to cover, or if you would like to focus on a specific area, please let me know. If you have any questions, please contact me at (817) 200-1143 or via e-mail at randy.erickson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Erickson".

Randy Erickson
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Enclosure:
Agenda for June 25, 2015
Periodic Meeting with New Mexico

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Agenda for Periodic Meeting with New Mexico

Topic areas for discussion during the meeting may include:

1. Strengths and/or weaknesses of the State program as identified by the State or the NRC, including identification of actions that could strengthen the program.
2. Program reorganizations:

Discuss any changes in program organization, including program/staff relocations and new appointments.
3. Changes in program budget/funding.
4. Feedback on the NRC's program as identified by the State, including identification of any action that should be considered by the NRC.
5. Status of the State's program, including:
 - a. Technical Staffing and Training (2013 IMPEP: Satisfactory but needs improvement)
 - i) Number of staff in the program and status of their training and qualifications;
 - ii) Program vacancies;
 - iii) Staff turnover; and,
 - iv) Adequacy of FTEs for the materials program.

Recommendation from the 2013 IMPEP Review:

The review team recommends that the Bureau management continue to aggressively pursue the filling of the current vacancies in order to ensure the program's continued adequacy and compatibility.

- b. Status of the Materials Inspection Program (2013 IMPEP: Satisfactory)
 - i) Number of inspection performed overdue since the last IMPEP review
 - ii) Number of inspections currently overdue
 - iii) Number of initial inspections completed on time and overdue since the last IMPEP
 - iv) Reciprocity inspections since the last IMPEP
- c. Technical Quality of Inspections (2013 IMPEP: Satisfactory)
- d. Technical Quality of Licensing (2013 IMPEP: Satisfactory)

- e. Technical Quality of Incidents and Allegations (2013 IMPEP: Satisfactory)
 - i) Status of allegations and concerns referred by the NRC for action;
 - ii) Significant events and generic implications.
 - iii) Event reporting, including follow-up and closure information in NMED
- f. Compatibility Requirements (2013 IMPEP: Satisfactory)
 - i) Regulations
 - a. Discuss status of State's regulations and actions to keep regulations up to date, including the use of legally binding requirements.
 - b. Part 37 adoption
 - ii) Legislative changes

7. Information exchange and discussion:

- a. Current State initiatives;
- b. Emerging technologies;
- c. Large, complicated, or unusual authorizations for use of radioactive materials;
- d. State's mechanisms to evaluate performance; and,
- e. NRC current initiatives.

8. Additional Topics

9. Next Steps