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Sincerely,

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Topic areas for discussion within the Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) and Uranium Recovery (UR) Programs may include:

1. Program challenges.
2. Program reorganizations:
  - a. Discuss any changes to the program organization, including program/staff relocations and new appointments.
3. Changes in program budget/funding.
4. Feedback on the NRC's program.
5. Status of the State's program, including:
  - a. LLRW/UR Technical Staffing and Training (2014 IMPEP Satisfactory)
    - 1) 2014 Recommendation: The review team recommends that the Commission develop and implement a strategy to address staffing in the LLRW and uranium recovery inspection programs in order to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Program.
    - 2) Number of staff in the program and status of their training and qualifications.
    - 3) Any program vacancies.
    - 4) Staff turnover since the last IMPEP review.
    - 5) Adequacy of FTEs for the materials program.
    - 6) Status of implementation of IMC 1248
  - b. LLRW/UR Status of the Inspection Program (2014 IMPEP Satisfactory)
    - 1) Number of inspection performed overdue since the last IMPEP review.
    - 2) Number of inspections currently overdue.
    - 3) Number of initial inspections completed on time and overdue since the last IMPEP review.
  - c. LLRW/UR Technical Quality of Inspections (2014 IMPEP Satisfactory)
    - 1) 2014 Recommendation: The review team recommends that the Compliance Team, in coordination with the Radioactive Materials Section, develop detailed inspection procedures for LLRW inspections to provide feedback to the LLRW program and enhance the inspection program.
    - 2) 2014 Recommendation: The review team recommends that the Compliance Team, in coordination with the UIC Permits Section and the Uranium Section, develop detailed inspection procedures for

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uranium recovery inspections to provide feedback to the uranium recovery program and enhance the inspection program.

- 3) Status of inspector accompaniments.
- 4) Management review process
- 5) Significant inspection activities/challenges

d. LLRW/UR Technical Quality of Licensing (2014 IMPEP Satisfactory)

- 1) Number of licensing actions and types performed since the last IMPEP review.

e. LLRW/UR Technical Quality of Incidents and Allegations (2014 IMPEP Satisfactory)

- 1) Status of allegations and concerns referred by the NRC for action.
- 2) Significant events and generic implications.
- 3) Event reporting, including follow-up and closure information in NMED.

f. LLRW/UR Compatibility Requirements (2014 IMPEP Satisfactory)

- 1) Regulations
- 2) Discuss status of State's regulations and actions to keep regulations up to date, including the use of legally binding requirements.
  - i. Part 37 adoption
  - ii. Legislative changes affecting the program.

6. Information Exchange:

- a. Current State initiatives
- b. Current NRC initiatives

7. Additional Topics

8. Next Steps/Meeting Summary/Q&A