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NOTIFICATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 INTEGRATED MATERIALS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM TEAM MEMBER TRAINING (STC-16-016)

Purpose: To inform the Agreement States of the upcoming Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) team member training and to solicit interested participants.

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducts periodic reviews of Agreement State programs to ensure that public health and safety are adequately protected from the potential hazards associated with the use of radioactive materials and that Agreement State programs are compatible with the NRC's program. IMPEP employs a team of NRC and Agreement State staff to assess both Agreement State and the NRC regional radioactive materials programs. Routinely, the NRC offers the IMPEP Team Member Training to the NRC and Agreement State radiation control program employees with an interest in performing IMPEP reviews.

Discussion: The Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards is soliciting interest from the Agreement States for IMPEP review team members. Program Directors should submit* names of their staff interested in participating on IMPEP review teams to the contact person below via e-mail within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Any Agreement State staff member is eligible to participate on an IMPEP review team as long as they can meet the criteria to be a principal reviewer for at least one IMPEP performance indicator, as described in the NRC Management Directive 5.10, "Formal Qualifications for Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) Team Members."

The NRC fiscal year (FY) 2016 IMPEP team member training is being held June 29–July1, 2016, in Rockville, Maryland. Attendees should expect to commit 4-5 days to this training, including travel time (2 ½ days of training and 1-2 days of travel time depending on flight availability and distance). Specific travel instructions will be provided to interested Agreement State staff in a separate correspondence. The NRC will reimburse costs incurred due to travel to and from the IMPEP team member training in accordance with Federal travel regulations.

* This information request has been approved by OMB 3150-0029 expiration 1/31/2019. The estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary collection is approximately 3 hours. Send comments regarding the burden estimate to the FOIA, Privacy, and Information Collections Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by e-mail to infocollects.resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0029), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

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If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me at (301) 415-3340 or the individual named below:

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