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Dear Ms. Opila:

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Sincerely,

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May 5, 2016**

Topic areas for discussion during the meeting may include:

1. Program challenges.
2. Program reorganizations:

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. Technical Staffing and Training (2014 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - i) Number of staff in the program and status of their training and qualifications.
 - ii) Any program vacancies.
 - iii) Staff turnover since the last IMPEP review.
 - iv) Adequacy of FTEs for the materials program.
 - v) Status of implementation of IMC 1248
 - b. Status of the Materials Inspection Program (2014 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - i) Total number of Priority 1, 2, and 3 inspections performed since the last IMPEP review.
 - ii) Number of Priority 1, 2, and 3 inspections performed overdue since the last IMPEP review.
 - iii) Number of inspections currently overdue.
 - iv) Number of initial inspections completed on time and overdue since the last IMPEP review.
 - v) Status of reciprocity inspections performed since the last IMPEP review.
 - c. Technical Quality of Inspections (2014 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - i) Status of inspector accompaniments.
 - ii) Management review process
 - iii) Significant inspection activities/challenges

- d. Technical Quality of Licensing (2014 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - i) Number of licensees in the State.
 - ii) Number of licensing actions and types performed since the last IMPEP review.
 - iii) Number of licenses currently under timely renewal.
 - iv) Discussion of the use of pre-licensing guidance.
 - v) Large, complicated, or unusual authorizations for use of radioactive materials.

- e. Technical Quality of Incidents and Allegations (2014 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - i) Number of events reported to NMED since the last IMPEP review.
 - ii) Status of allegations and concerns referred by NRC for action.
 - iii) Significant events and generic implications.
 - iv) Event reporting, including follow-up and closure information in NMED.

- f. Compatibility Requirements (2014 IMPEP Rating: Unsatisfactory)
 - i) Regulations
 - a. Discussion of State's regulatory process
 - b. Discuss status of State's regulations and actions to keep regulations up to date, including the use of legally binding requirements.
 - ii) Significant legislative changes affecting the program since the last IMPEP review.

- g. Sealed Source and Device Evaluation Program (2014 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - i) Number of SS&D actions since the last IMPEP review and their type.
 - ii) Technical Staffing and Training
 - a. Number of qualified SSD reviewers and their signature authority.
 - b. Number of current or anticipated program vacancies.
 - c. Staff turnover since the last IMPEP review.
 - iii) Technical Quality of the Product Evaluation Program
 - a. Number of cases since the last IMPEP review to include new cases, amendments, inactivations and transfers.
 - iv) Evaluation of Defects and Incidents Regarding SS&Ds
 - a. Any cases noted involving manufacturing defects since the last IMPEP review?

- h. Uranium Recovery Technical Staffing and Training (2014 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - i) Number of staff in the program and status of their training and qualifications.
 - ii) Any program vacancies.
 - iii) Staff turnover since the last IMPEP review.
 - iv) Adequacy of FTEs for the materials program.

- i. Uranium Recovery Status of the Inspection Program (2014 IMPEP Rating: 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 review.

- j. Uranium Recovery Technical Quality of Inspections (2014 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
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6. Updates on the following sites:

- Energy Fuels Resources Piñon Ridge Mill
- Cotter Corporation Cañon City Mill
- Umetco Uravan Mill
- Hecla Durita Mill
- Sweeney Mill
- George E. Davis Mill
- Cotter Corporation Schwartzwald Mine

- Colorado School of Mines Creekside
- Colorado School of Mines Research Institute Table Mountain Research Center

7. Updates on points of legislative incompatibility:

- Radioactive waste definition
- Classified material definition
- Radioactive definitions
- Terms are not defined in legislation
- Provisional licenses
- Financial surety calculations
- Hearing Requirements

8. Information Exchange:

- i) Current State initiatives
- ii) Current NRC initiatives
- iii) Emerging Technologies

9. Next Steps/Meeting Summary/Q&A