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Mr. Paul Michalak, Acting Chief
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Michalak:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) appreciates the opportunity to provide the following response to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) draft Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Report (IMPEP), which documents the results of the Agreement State review held at our offices on May 9- 12, 2016. The IMPEP review team discussed the preliminary findings with EPD on May 12. We have already implemented one of the three recommendations in the draft IMPEP report (RSO attestation), and have scheduled training on the other two recommendations for July.

EPD has reviewed the draft IMPEP report and would like to request one minor correction. Section 3.1 Technical Staffing and Training, b. Discussion, of the draft report states that "Two staff members were released because of performance issues, two staff members found employment elsewhere." EPD requests that this statement be corrected to read as follows: "One staff member was released because of performance issues, three staff members found employment elsewhere."

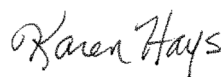
I would also like to provide you with an update on EPD leadership. Effective June 15, 2016, Mr. Richard Dunn was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to serve as Director of EPD. Ms. Lauren Curry was appointed to serve as Deputy Director of the EPD. Their contact information is here:

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EPD takes its responsibilities with regard to radiation safety very seriously, and remains committed to managing an effective program consistent with the NRC's expectations. The 2016 IMPEP team's draft report illustrates the steady progress made by the Georgia Radioactive Materials Program since the 2012 IMPEP. Please contact me at Karen.Hays@dnr.ga.gov or 404-363-7016 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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