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**Agenda for Periodic Meeting with the Utah Agreement State Program
November 3, 2016**

Topic areas for discussion during the meeting may include:

1. Program challenges.
2. Program organization.
 - a. Discuss any changes to the program organization, including staff relocations and new appointments.
3. Changes in program budget/funding.
4. Feedback on the NRC's program.
5. Status of the Radioactive Material Program, including:
 - a. Technical Staffing and Training (2015 IMPEP 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 (2015 IMPEP Satisfactory)
 - i) Number of inspections 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.
 - iv) Status of reciprocity inspections since the last IMPEP.
 - c. Technical Quality of Inspections (2015 IMPEP Satisfactory)
 - i) Status of inspector accompaniments.
 - ii) Management review process.
 - iii) Significant inspection activities/challenges.
 - d. Technical Quality of Licensing (2015 IMPEP Satisfactory)
 - i) Discuss the licensing process, and the number of licensing actions and types performed since the last IMPEP review.
 - ii) Large, complicated, or unique authorizations for use of radioactive materials.
 - e. Technical Quality of Incidents and Allegations (2015 IMPEP Satisfactory, but Needs Improvement)
 - i) Status of allegations and concerns referred by the NRC for action.
 - ii) Significant events and generic implications.
 - iii) Event reporting, follow-up and closure information in NMED.

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- f. Compatibility Requirements (2015 IMPEP Unsatisfactory)
 - i) 2015 IMPEP Recommendation: The review team recommends that the State modify financial surety statutes for the LLRW disposal site, such that the statutes ensure adequate financial surety and do not conflict with Federal requirements.
 - ii) Discussion of State's regulatory process.
 - iii) Discuss status of State's regulations and actions to keep regulations up to date, including the use of legally binding requirements.
 - iv) Part 37 adoption status.
 - v) Legislative/Regulatory changes affecting the program.
- 6. Status of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) Program (2015 IMPEP Satisfactory)
 - a. LLRW Technical Staffing and Training
 - b. Status of the LLRW Inspection Program
 - c. Technical Quality of LLRW Inspections
 - d. Technical Quality of LLRW Licensing Actions
 - e. Technical Quality of LLRW Incident and Allegation Activities
- 7. Status of the Uranium Recovery (UR) Program (2015 IMPEP Satisfactory)
 - a. UR Technical Staffing and Training
 - b. Status of the UR Inspection Program
 - c. Technical Quality of UR Inspections
 - d. Technical Quality of UR Licensing Actions
 - e. Technical Quality of UR Incident and Allegation Activities
- 8. Information Exchange:
 - a. Current State initiatives
 - b. Current NRC initiatives
 - c. Emerging Technologies
 - d. State's mechanisms to evaluate performance
- 9. Additional Topics
- 10. Next Steps/Meeting Summary/Q&A Session/Senior Executive Exit if requested