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Mikel Elsen, Director
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Dear Mr. Elsen:

In order to help the Agreement States and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) remain knowledgeable of each other's program, the NRC conducts one-day periodic meetings with Agreement States between IMPEP reviews. This letter confirms that, through previous coordination, the meeting has been scheduled for May 16, 2019, and will be held in your offices. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs Procedure SA-116, *Periodic Meetings Between IMPEP Reviews*.

The likely topics for discussion at this meeting are listed in the enclosed agenda. If there are any additional specific topics you would like to cover, or if you would like to focus on a specific area, please let me know. If you have any questions, please contact me at (817) 200-1143 or via e-mail at randy.erickson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Agenda for May 16, 2019
Periodic Meeting with Washington

SUBJECT: Washington FY19 IMPEP Periodic Meeting Scheduling Letter for May 16, 2019

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**Agenda for Periodic Meeting with the Washington Department of Health
May 16, 2019**

Topic areas for discussion during the meeting may include:

1. Program challenges.
2. Program reorganizations:
3. Changes in program budget/funding.
4. Status of the State's program, including:
 - a. Technical Staffing and Training (2018 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - Number of staff in the program and status of their training and qualifications.
 - Any program vacancies.
 - Staff turnover since the last IMPEP review.
 - Adequacy of FTEs for the materials program.
 - Status of implementation of IMC 1248
 - b. Status of the Materials Inspection Program (2018 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - Number of inspection performed overdue since the last IMPEP review.
 - Number of inspections currently overdue.
 - Number of initial inspections completed on time and overdue since the last IMPEP review.
 - Status of reciprocity inspections since the last IMPEP.
 - c. Technical Quality of Inspections (2018 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - Status of inspector accompaniments
 - Management review process
 - Significant inspection activities/challenges

- d. Technical Quality of Licensing (2018 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory but needs improvement)
 - Number of licensing actions and types performed since the last IMPEP review.
 - Large, complicated, or unusual authorizations for use of radioactive materials.
- e. Technical Quality of Incidents and Allegations (2018 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - Status of allegations and concerns referred by the NRC for action
 - Significant events and generic implications
 - Event reporting, including follow-up and closure information in NMED
- f. Compatibility Requirements (2018 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory but needs improvement)
 - Discussion of State's regulatory process
 - Discuss status of State's regulations and actions to keep regulations up to date, including the use of legally binding requirements
 - Legislative changes affecting the program

Recommendation 1: *Washington should review, revise, and update the training and qualification requirements for all aspects of its Agreement State Program to ensure the essential objectives of the NRC's IMC 1248 appendices A, B, D, E, H, and I are adopted.*

- g: LLRW/UR Technical Staffing and Training (2018 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
 - Number of staff in the program and status of their training and qualifications
 - Any program vacancies
 - Staff turnover since the last IMPEP review
 - Adequacy of FTEs for the materials program

- Status of implementation of IMC 1248
- h: LLRW/UR Status of the Inspection Program (2018 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
- Number of inspection performed overdue since the last IMPEP review
 - Number of inspections currently overdue
 - Number of initial inspections completed on time and overdue since the last IMPEP review
- i: LLRW/UR Technical Quality of Inspections (2018 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
- Status of inspector accompaniments
 - Management review process
 - Significant inspection activities/challenges
- j: LLRW/UR Technical Quality of Licensing (2018 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory but needs Improvement)
- Number of licensing actions and types performed since the last IMPEP review.

Recommendation 2: *Washington should produce a technical evaluation report that provides the basis for the regulatory decision each time a significant licensing action for the LLRW disposal facility is processed.*

- k: LLRW/UR Technical Quality of Incidents and Allegations (2018 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
- Status of allegations and concerns referred by the NRC for action
 - Significant events and generic implications
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5. Information exchange and discussion:
- a. Current State initiatives
 - b. Emerging technologies

- c. Large, complicated, or unusual authorizations for use of radioactive materials
 - d. State's mechanisms to evaluate performance
 - e. NRC current initiatives
6. Additional Topics