

# National Materials Program Working Group

## National Materials Working Group Charter

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has formed a working group to provide the Commission with options for maintaining an infrastructure of supporting regulations, guidance and other program elements needed for the nationwide materials program considering the anticipated increase in the number of Agreement States. The working group is composed of representatives of State governments and NRC. The working group will produce a report for the Commission's consideration.

### **The Mission:**

The mission is to develop options for the Commission's consideration for creating a national materials program that will implement the following philosophy:

*To create a true partnership of the NRC and the States that will ensure protection of public health, safety, and the environment while:*

- *optimizing resources of federal, state, professional and industrial organizations;*
- *accounting for individual agency needs and abilities;*
- *promoting consensus on regulatory priorities;*
- *promoting consistent exchange of information; and*
- *harmonizing regulatory approaches while recognizing state and federal needs for flexibility.*

To accomplish the mission the working group will consider the following issues:

1. the continuing trend for States to assume authority for the regulation of radioactive materials;
2. the potential impact of this trend on maintaining the infrastructure of the existing State and Federal regulatory programs in the current fiscal environment and the increased fee burden on a decreasing number of NRC licensees to support generic activities;
3. the roles and legal responsibilities of NRC, the Agreement States, the Organization of Agreement States (OAS), the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD), and other organizations;
4. the need for statutory changes in Federal and State programs for a national materials program;
5. the required elements and scope of activities in a materials regulatory program such as licensing, inspection, enforcement, training, event reporting, emergency response and program support activities including developing licensing and inspection guidance, developing program policy and guidance, developing standard review plans, providing laboratory support, and rulemaking activities;
6. the assessment process and performance indicators that could be used to measure the performance of a national materials program considering the current Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) process;
7. mechanisms for program coordination and program evolution;
8. the resource needs required for a national materials program and options for meeting those resource needs at both State and Federal levels; and
9. accommodation of Federal and State strategic performance goals and outcomes under a national materials program.

### **Schedule:**

The working group will complete the project by May 1, 2001.

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