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Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Richard L. Bangart, Director **Original Signed By**  
Office of State Programs **RICHARD L. BANGART**

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We further recommend that the Chairman (1) require agreement states to report abnormal occurrences so that NRC can include the occurrences in its quarterly report to the Congress <sup>(c)</sup> and (2) take appropriate action to ensure that the information on radiation events in agreement states is reported completely and accurately <sup>(d)</sup>.

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