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Jennifer Olsen, Chief
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Dear Ms. Olsen:

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 November 30, 2022, and will be held at 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 (610) 337-5143 or via e-mail at Farrah.Gaskins@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Agenda for November 30, 2022
Periodic Meeting with Rhode Island

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Agenda for Periodic Meeting with Rhode Island

Topic areas for discussion during the meeting may include:

1. Program reorganizations:
Discuss any changes in program organization, including program/staff relocations and new appointments.
2. Changes in program budget/funding.
3. Feedback on the NRC's program as identified by the State, including identification of any action that should be considered by the NRC.
4. Status of the State's program, including:
 - a. Technical Staffing and Training (2021 IMPEP: Satisfactory, but needs improvement)

Recommendation: Rhode Island Management take measures to ensure licensing and inspection documentation is complete and stored in a centralized filing system.

- i) Number of staff in the program and status of their training and qualifications;
- ii) Program vacancies;
- iii) Staff turnover; and,
- iv) Adequacy of FTEs for the materials program.

- b. Status of the Materials Inspection Program (2021 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
- iv) Reciprocity inspections since the last IMPEP

- c. Technical Quality of Inspections (2021 IMPEP: Satisfactory)

- d. Technical Quality of Licensing Actions (2021 IMPEP: Unsatisfactory)

Recommendation: Rhode Island implement the Pre-Licensing guidance for all new applicants and transfers of control and provide training to ensure that staff understands how to properly identify unknown entities and document the basis for the known entity determination.

Recommendation: Rhode Island implement the RSRM checklist and provide additional training on the use of the checklist.

Recommendation: Rhode Island implement a financial assurance program consistent with State regulations; that licenses that authorize possession of radioactive material in excess of quantities requiring financial assurance provide financial assurance; and, that financial assurance license conditions be consistent with possession limits authorized on the license.

- e. Technical Quality of Incident and Allegation Activities
(2021 IMPEP: Satisfactory)
 - i) Status of allegations and concerns referred by the NRC for action;
 - ii) Significant events and generic implications.
 - iii) Event reporting, including follow-up and closure information in NMED
 - f. Legislation, Regulations, and Other Program Elements
(2021 IMPEP: Satisfactory)
 - i) Regulations
 - a. Discuss status of State's regulations and actions to keep regulations up to date, including the use of legally binding requirements.
 - ii) Legislative changes
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; and,
 - e. NRC current initiatives.
6. Additional topics
7. Next IMPEP ~ October 2023