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SUBJECT: LOUISIANA FY2023 PERIODIC MEETING SCHEDULING LETTER AND  
AGENDA

Dear Mr. Lang:

In order to help the Agreement States and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) remain knowledgeable of each other's program and to initiate planning for the next Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review, the NRC conducts one-day periodic meetings with Agreement States between IMPEP reviews.

In accordance with the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Procedure SA-116, "Periodic Meetings between IMPEP Reviews," and after previous coordination with you, we have scheduled the periodic meeting for Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 9:00 AM (CT). The meeting will be held at the Radiation Control Program offices in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Based on our previous discussions, the likely topics for discussion at the meeting are listed on 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 call me at 817-200-1132, or via e-mail at [jackie.cook@nrc.gov](mailto:jackie.cook@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

 Signed by Cook, Jacqueline  
on 12/20/22

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Enclosure:  
Periodic Meeting Agenda

LOUISIANA FY2023 PERIODIC MEETING SCHEDULING LETTER AND AGENDA- DATED  
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**Periodic Meeting Agenda with Louisiana  
Department of Environmental Quality  
January 25, 2023**

Topic areas for discussion during the meeting may include:

1. Program reorganizations:

Discuss any changes to the program organization, including program/staff relocations and new appointments.

2. Changes in program budget/funding.

3. Status of the NRC or State's program, including:

a. Technical Staffing and Training (2021 IMPEP Rating: 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 Materials Inspection Program (2021 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)

- i) Number of Priority 1, 2, and 3 inspections completed on time and overdue since the last IMPEP review.
- ii) Number of initial inspections completed on time and overdue since the last IMPEP review.
- iii) Number of reciprocity inspections completed each year since the last IMPEP.
- iv) Inspection frequencies (changes to or those that differ from NRC's inspection frequencies).

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

- i) Status of inspector accompaniments.
- ii) Management review process
- iii) Significant inspection activities/challenges

d. Technical Quality of Licensing Actions (2021 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)

- i) Number of licensing actions and types performed since the last IMPEP review.

- e. Technical Quality of Incident and Allegation Activities (2021 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
  - i) Status of allegations and concerns referred by the NRC for action.
  - ii) Significant events and generic implications.
  - iii) Number of reportable events received since the last IMPEP and event reporting, including follow-up and closure information in NMED.
  
- f. Legislation, Regulations, and Other Program Elements (2021 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
  - i) Regulations
    - a. Compatibility requirements
    - b. Discuss status of State's regulations and actions to keep regulations up to date, including the use of legally binding requirements and sunset requirements.
  - ii) Legislative changes affecting the program.
  - iii) Sunset Requirements
  
- g. Sealed Source and Device (SS&D) Evaluation Program (2021 IMPEP Rating: Satisfactory)
  - i) Technical Staffing and Training
    - a. Number of qualified SS&D reviewers and their signature authority.
    - b. Number of current or anticipated program vacancies.
    - c. Staff turnover since the last IMPEP review.
  - ii) Technical Quality of the Product Evaluation Program
    - a. Number of cases since the last IMPEP review to include new cases, amendments, inactivations and transfers.
  - iii) Evaluation of Defects and Incidents Regarding SS&Ds
    - a. Any cases noted involving manufacturing defects since the last IMPEP review?
  
- h. Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Program (LLRW)

In 1981, the NRC amended its Policy Statement, "Criteria for Guidance of States and NRC in Discontinuance of NRC Regulatory Authority and Assumption Thereof by States Through Agreement," to allow a State to seek an amendment for the regulation of LLRW as a separate category. Those States with existing Agreements prior to 1981 were determined to have continued LLRW disposal authority without the need for an amendment. Although Louisiana has the authority to regulate a LLRW disposal facility, the NRC has not required States to have a program for licensing a disposal facility until such time as the State has been designated as a host State for a LLRW disposal facility. When an Agreement State has been notified or becomes aware of the need to

regulate a LLRW disposal facility, it is expected to put in place a regulatory program that will meet the criteria for an adequate and compatible LLRW disposal program. There are no plans for a LLRW disposal facility in Louisiana. Accordingly, the team did not review this indicator.

4. Information Exchange:
  - a. Current program initiatives;
  - b. Emerging technologies;
  - c. Large, complicated, or unusual authorizations for use of radioactive materials;
  - d. Major decommissioning and license termination actions;
  - e. Mechanisms to evaluate performance such as self-audits;
  - f. Operating/strategic plan metrics and outcomes, if applicable; and,
  - g. Current NRC initiatives.
  
5. Schedule for the next IMPEP review.
  
6. Next Steps/Meeting Summary/Q&A.
  
7. Exit with Senior Management if requested by the NRC Region or Agreement State.