



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION IV  
1600 EAST LAMAR BOULEVARD  
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-4511

June 20, 2023

Jason Meinholdt, Program Director  
Kansas Department of Health & Environment  
1000 SW Jackson, Suite 330  
Topeka, KS 66612-1365

SUBJECT: KANSAS PERIODIC MEETING SUMMARY FY 2023

Dear Jason Meinholdt:

A periodic meeting with Kansas was conducted on November 10, 2022. The purpose of this meeting was to review and discuss the implementation of Kansas's Agreement State Program. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) was represented by Mary Muessle, Director, Division of Radiological Safety and Security, and Jacqueline D. Cook, Regional State Agreements Officer, from the NRC's Region IV office.

I have completed and enclosed a general meeting summary. If you feel that our comments or conclusions do not accurately summarize the meeting discussion, or have any additional remarks about the meeting in general, please contact me at (817) 200-1132 or via email at [Jackie.Cook@nrc.gov](mailto:Jackie.Cook@nrc.gov) to discuss your concerns.

Sincerely,

 Signed by Cook, Jacqueline  
on 06/20/23

Jacqueline D. Cook  
Regional State Agreements Officer  
Division of Radiological Safety and Security

Enclosure:  
Periodic Meeting Summary for Kansas

KANSAS PERIODIC MEETING SUMMARY FY 2023 DATED JUNE 20, 2023.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

R. Johnson, NMSS

K. Modes, NMSS

L. Smith, NMSS

ADAMS ACCESSION NUMBER: **ML23163A234**

SUNSI Review:

ADAMS:

Non-Publicly Available

Non-Sensitive

Keyword:

By: JDC

Yes  No

Publicly Available

Sensitive

OFFICE	RIV: SAO	RIV: DD				
NAME	JCook	GMiller				
SIGNATURE	/RA/	/RA/				
DATE	06/20/23	06/20/23				

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY



INTEGRATED MATERIALS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM

PERIODIC MEETING WITH THE STATE OF KANSAS

TYPE OF OVERSIGHT: NONE

November 10, 2022

Enclosure

## PERIODIC MEETING PARTICIPANTS

### **NRC**

- Mary Muesle: Division Director, Division of Radiological Safety and Security, NRC Region IV
- Jackie Cook: Regional State Agreements Officer, NRC Region IV

### **State of Kansas**

- Jason Meinholdt: Supervisor, Environmental Radiation, Emergency Preparedness, and Right to Know Unit, Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE)
- James Uhlemeyer, Environmental Program Administrator, Regulations, KDHE
- David Lawrenz, Supervisor, Radioactive Materials Unit, KDHE
- Aaron Short, Team Lead, KDHE
- Kim Steves, Program Director, KDHE

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of the periodic meeting held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the State of Kansas. The meeting was held on November 10, 2022 and was conducted in accordance with Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Procedure SA-116, "Periodic Meetings between IMPEP Reviews," dated June 3, 2009.

Since the 2020 IMPEP, the following program reorganizations have taken place:

- The Secretary of KDHE has changed;
- The Program Director submitted their resignation effective January 1, 2023. Upon their resignation, the Supervisor, Environmental Radiation, Emergency Preparedness, and Right to Know Unit, will serve as Interim Director. Effective January 8, 2023, the Supervisor, Environmental Radiation, Emergency Preparedness, and Right to Know Unit, was named Program Director.
- Two Radioactive Materials Unit staff members have left the program. One position was filled; as of September 17, 2022, the other position is currently advertised to be filled.

The Radiation Control Program is fee funded and financially secure.

The Radiation Control Program has four fully qualified staff in the radioactive materials unit, one of which is only part-time assigned to this unit. Two partially qualified staff are a part of this unit also.

The Radiation Control Program performed 15 initial inspections. One initial inspection was conducted overdue by 3 months because (initial inspection due: January 28, 2022; initial inspection performed: April 14, 2022) the mobile medical service is located out of the State of Kansas and was not entering the State of Kansas at the time the initial inspection was due.

Of the 43 priority 1, 2, or 3 inspections performed since the last IMPEP, none were overdue.

A total of 11 reciprocity inspections were completed since the 2020 IMPEP.

Inspector accompaniments were performed by the Supervisor, Radioactive Materials Unit or Team Lead, accordingly.

Significant inspection challenges included:

- During the public health emergency (PHE) (Covid-19), the Radiation Control Program Unit staff was limited in their travel and work in the office;
- Increased patient loads due to the PHE prevented safe inspections of some medical licensees;
- Deployment of the radioactive materials supervisor for one year during 2020-2021 and for five months in 2022.

The Program performed 301 total licensing actions since the last IMPEP.

Eleven reportable events were received by Kansas since the last IMPEP; all have been closed in the Nuclear Materials Event Database.

No allegation activities referred by NRC for action by the State of Kansas.

Final revisions for Regulatory Amendment Tracking System (RATS) Identification (ID) Numbers 2015-1 through 2018-2 were submitted to the NRC on November 7, 2022 and were approved on February 10, 2023.

The November 8, 2022, elections had a constitutional amendment vote allowing the state legislature to revoke or suspend rules and regulations. The vote failed preventing the legislature from unilaterally revoking or suspending rules and regulations.