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October 17, 2000

Mr. Pearce O'Kelley, Chief
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Dear Mr. O'Kelley:

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We request a meeting, no longer than one day, to discuss your Agreement State program and share programmatic information. This letter confirms that , after previous coordination with you and Mr. Porter, the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2000. The current plans are to visit Mr. Porter at 8:00 a.m., and then to your office about noon. We should be completed by around 4:30 p.m. the same day. Mr. Lance Rakovan, Office of State and Tribal Programs, assigned as the Agreement State Project Officer (ASPO) for South Carolina, will be the other NRC representative in attendance. A similar letter is also being sent to Mr. Porter.

Based on our previous discussions the likely topics for conversation at the meeting include:

1. Agreement State action on previous IMPEP review findings that have not be closed.
2. Strengths and/or weaknesses of the State and NRC programs as identified by the State or NRC including identification of actions that could diminish weaknesses.
3. Status of State program or policy changes under development or recently completed including:
 - a. Changes in program staff
 - b. Program reorganizations
 - c. Legislative changes
 - d. Redistribution of responsibilities
 - e. Changes in program budget/funding.
4. Status of NRC program changes that could impact Agreement States.
5. Results of any internal program audits/self assessments conducted by the Agreement

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6. Status of all allegations previously referred by NRC to your office for action, and methods used to resolve allegations that have been closed.
7. Compatibility of Agreement State regulations.
8. Nuclear Material Events Database (NMED) reporting including event follow-up and closure information.
9. Schedule for the next IMPEP review.

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 404-562-4704, or e-mail to rlw@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Richard L. Woodruff
Regional Agreement State Officer

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