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ALL AGREEMENT STATES
MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN

**INCIDENT AND EVENT INFORMATION: STRATEGIC PLAN AND NUCLEAR MATERIAL
SAFETY PERFORMANCE PLAN DATA GOALS (STP-00-081)**

In All Agreement States Letter SP-99-077, dated December 2, 1999, we described development of the FY 2000-2005 Strategic Plan, which was based on the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA), and provided you a copy of the draft Nuclear Waste Safety Chapter for review and comment. On December 22, 1999 (SP-99-081) we subsequently provided you a copy of the draft Nuclear Material Safety chapter of the Strategic Plan for review and comment. In accordance with GPRA, the Strategic Plan includes specific numerical performance goals for both the materials and waste areas. These goals include the collective program efforts of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Agreement States. I have enclosed a copy of the NRC Strategic Plan recently approved by the Commission.

Government Performance Results Act

GPRA requires that the Agency prepare an annual performance report to Congress based on the Strategic Plan performance goals and target metric performance data. To meet the data needs of this report NRC staff utilizes the Nuclear Material Event Database (NMED) event reporting data to evaluate collective program performance. Therefore, it is important that we have current and historical event reporting data for at least the past two years (1998-2000).

Current Status of Event Reporting

We want to take this opportunity to thank and recognize the efforts of individual Agreement States for your actions taken over the past several years to actively participate in providing event information for NMED. We note improvement has occurred in the number of Agreement States reporting electronically from 20% in 1996 to 66% in 1999. The technical quality of the event information received from the States has also improved. These improvements have been reflected in the historical and current event data contained in NMED. However, as discussed below, further effort is needed in this area.

Action

To assist us in further refining the data provided to Congress for the FY 2000 performance plan report we would appreciate your informing us as to whether you have entered all event data for fiscal years 1998, 1999 and 2000. We would also appreciate knowing whether you have entered all of your historical data for FY 1996 and 1997. If you find that you have not entered data for 1998 through 2000 we would appreciate expedited data entry of the material event information to meet the current schedule for reporting to Congress. We appreciate your assistance in helping to prepare a complete set of national material event data that reflects the performance of our collective radiation programs nationally. We would appreciate your response within 30 days from the date this letter.

We would also like to again request your continued cooperation and further effort in this area. In particular, although current guidance requests that the information be provided on a monthly basis, many States continue to provide information on a less frequent basis and in some cases event report data has not been received until well after the end of the fiscal year. Given the importance and use of this data in our performance report, we ask for your assistance in helping to improve the timeliness of event reporting. We ask that you provide data on events on a monthly basis and that we have data on all events which have occurred during a fiscal year within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year. If we can be of assistance in entering event report data, please let us know.

This information request has been approved by OMB 3150-0178, expiration 08/31/03. The estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary collection request is one hour. Forward any comments regarding the burden estimate to the Information and Records Management Branch (T-6 F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to the Paperwork Reduction Project (3150-0178), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a document does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information.

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