

August 26, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR: R. William Borchardt  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - MEETING WITH ORGANIZATION OF AGREEMENT STATES (OAS) AND CONFERENCE OF RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS (CRCPD), 1:30 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2008, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by officers of OAS and CRCPD. The speakers recommended joint NRC/States action to:

- prioritize materials security-related activities and establish a well-defined path forward that represents the most effective sharing of responsibilities and resources;
- develop a practical threshold that would provide a basis for additional source controls and enhance communication with the public on the nature of risk;
- establish a Federal and State partnership to address the lack of low level waste disposal options which raises concerns related to financial assurance, decommissioning of facilities, and increasing likelihood of improper disposal; and
- provide additional funding and support to address the potential knowledge gap in basic health physics principles within Agreement States' program staff.

The Commission suggested that the OAS and CRCPD work with the staff to develop specific plans to address these issues. Staff should consider these efforts in the development of future NRC budgets. In particular, the staff should work with OAS and CRCPD to expand the available options for health physics training, including the use of distance learning concepts in cooperation with universities.

The Commission expressed strong support for NRC staff and OAS continued actions to optimize the number of working groups. For example, the States support the recent Commission supported plan to combine 3 security rulemakings for materials into a single rulemaking with a single working group supporting this activity.

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