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Dear Charles and Ken,

We found our meeting last week with you very helpful in our gaining a better understanding of the new NRC Reactor Inspection and Oversight Program. Thank you for your time and effort in providing us more information on the new program.

It is important that key California officials become familiar with the new program and have an opportunity to convey any questions or concerns to NRC that they may have. We plan to schedule a follow-up meeting later this summer or early Fall.

I've listed below for your review a few of the action items I noted from our meeting:

1. Ken and/or Charles will get back to us on how NRC will communicate with California officials when a performance indicator box for a reactor within California changes to yellow or red.
2. Ken and/or Charles will get back to us on how California can participate in the current evaluation phase for the "Expanded Pilot Program" for the New NRC Reactor Inspection and Oversight Program. NRC will provide states with feedback forms and recommend other ways states can provide formal feedback on the new program.
3. NRC will notify via their regular e-mail announcements when the updated quarterly Performance Indicators are available on the NRC website.
4. NRC, OES, and CEC (with input from the Department of Health Services) will schedule an NRC briefing in California for state and local officials on the new oversight program.

Please let me know if I have omitted anything. I am also sending a copy of this to Ben, Frank, and Karen in case I have accidentally left something out.

Again, thank you for our meeting.

Barbara Byron

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Dear Barbara,

We appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and the other state representatives at San Luis Obispo, California. We are continuing to finalize the notification issues. I have listed below the action items from our visit in San Louis Obispo and our response.

1. Ken and/or Charles will get back to us on how NRC will communicate with California officials when a Performance Indicator box for a reactor within California changes to yellow or red.

RESPONSE

Ken has inserted a statement in an internal Reactor Projects Procedure. The procedure will require each Branch Chief to notify the State Liaison Officer (SLO) if a plant's Performance Indicator changes to a yellow or red. The SLO will notify the appropriate state SLO's.

2. Ken and/or Charles will get back to us on how California can participate in the current evaluation phase for the "Expanded Pilot Program" for the New NRC Reactor Inspection and Oversight Program. NRC will provide states with feedback forms and recommend other ways states can provide formal feedback on the new program.

RESPONSE

Mr. Merschoff has discussed this subject with NRC Senior Management in Washington, D.C. Ken has notified the Inspection Branch, Nuclear Reactor Regulation of your interest in participating in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) which will review the program's implementation. The Office of State and Tribal Programs (OSTP) is assisting Region IV. The FACA selection committee is presently reviewing a member list. Mr. Laurie will be advised of the final committee selection.

3. NRC will notify via their regular e-mail announcements when the updated quarterly Performance Indicators are available on the NRC web site.

RESPONSE

We would like to make this information available to each interested state. I have discussed this with OSTP. OSTP will contact Nuclear Reactor Regulation and discuss the logistics for transmitting the information to OSTP. OSTP would e-mail the information to the State Liaison Officer. This is being discussed.

4. NRC, OES, and CEC (with input from the Department of Health Services) will schedule an NRC briefing in California for state and local officials on the new oversight program.

RESPONSE

I understand that you are coordinating with Ben Tong to determine a compatible date. I believe that you mentioned September or October having been discussed. As you had earlier proposed, we will plan for two sessions. One session will be a general employee training session that will be an overview of the Revised Reactor Overview Program (RROP) with details. The other session will be for managers. The manager's session will focus on the RROP, with less detail. When you decide on potential dates, we will have a conference call to finalize the date, time, and place.

This is where we are at this time. If I missed anything, please contact me at my office (817) 860-8267.

Sincerely,

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