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Mr. Kirksey E. Whatley, Director
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Dear Mr. Whatley:

In order to help both Agreement States and the NRC remain knowledgeable of each others' programs and to conduct planning for the next Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review, the IMPEP process includes holding one-day periodic meetings with Agreement States between IMPEP reviews.

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, the meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2001 and will be held in your office. Mr. Richard Blanton, Office of State and Tribal Programs, assigned as the Agreement State Project Officer (ASPO) for Alabama, will be the other NRC representative in attendance.

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 State or NRC.

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