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Dear Dr. Rimawi:

In order to help both Agreement States and the NRC remain knowledgeable of each other's programs and to conduct planning for the next IMPEP review, the IMPEP process includes holding periodic meetings with Agreement States between IMPEP reviews.

We request a meeting, no longer than one-half day, to discuss your Agreement State program and share programmatic information. This letter confirms that, after previous coordination, the meeting is scheduled for the morning of March 1, 2001 and will be held in your offices. Kathleen Schneider, Office of State and Tribal Programs, assigned as Project Officer for New York, will be the other NRC representative in attendance.

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

1. Strengths and/or weaknesses of the State and NRC programs as identified by the Department or NRC including identification of actions that could diminish weaknesses.
2. 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.
3. Status of NRC program changes (similar to those in 2.) that could impact Agreement States.
4. Results of internal program/self assessments conducted by the State or NRC.
5. Status of all allegations previously referred by NRC to the State for action, and methods used to resolve allegations that have been closed.
6. Compatibility of Agreement State regulations.

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7. NMED reporting including event follow-up and closure information.
8. Schedule and logistics 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 (610) 337-5042, or e-mail to ADW@NRC.GOV.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Duncan White

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