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- The Working Group Report should be transmitted by a short Commission Paper, four to seven pages long, which summarizes the Working Group options. STP will take the lead in drafting the Paper. The paper should explicitly answer questions raised by the Commission. The paper should include three attachments:
 1. The Working Group Report;
 2. A table showing NRC and Agreement State resources for the base case and options; and
 3. The Options Summary Table.
- The development of the options should receive priority attention by the Working Group. Resource evaluations should start with the base case (current resources) then present the impact of options. Costs of the options, as well as pros and cons, should be included. The guidance contained in Item 4 of Carl Paperiello's 1/8/01 letter should be followed. The report should also characterize and describe the statutory responsibilities and functions of the NRC under current laws.
- A minimum of four options should be characterized and evaluated:
 1. Base case or Status Quo;
 2. Alliance where NRC and the Agreement States work together;
 3. NRC minimum where NRC only fulfills minimum responsibilities of current laws; and
 4. All States assume full responsibility for all day to day implementing regulatory responsibility with NRC retaining no or very minimal responsibility. (Similar to the FDA/State program for oversight of machine produced radiation).

In addition, option 1 in the table handed out at the meeting (entitled: "There are no Agreement States: NRC has all authority and all responsibility for licensees covered under the AEA") should be acknowledged in the report as an option for completeness, but quickly eliminated from further consideration given that it is not a realistic option.

- The description items contained in the left hand column of the Options Summary Table should be expanded to include:
 1. The role of the States;
 2. "Accountability" for each option (i.e., how would implementation of the option be assured and assessed); and
 3. Identification of any gaps created by the Option.
- The elements of a radiation control program in Appendix B should be reviewed for completeness and additional items added as identified in Carl Paperiello's 1/8/01 letter. (e.g., research needs, event evaluation, development of standards, staff training, etc.).
- In preparing a revision of the Working group report, the Working group should consider and reflect, where it is appropriate, Steering Committee comments contained in the comments' summary handed out at the meeting.