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ALL AGREEMENT STATES
MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT INFORMATION: PROJECTED INTEGRATED MATERIALS
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM (IMPEP) SCHEDULES FOR FY 2002 - 2004
AND FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING OF IMPEP REVIEWS (STP-01-020)**

Experience in the development of our FY 2001 IMPEP review schedule identified a need for greater flexibility in the scheduling of individual Agreement State IMPEP reviews. This flexibility is necessary not only to aid in accommodating individual State needs and existing State schedule commitments, but also to help balance NRC and State resource commitments for conduct of the reviews. To help provide this flexibility, we plan to use a four month scheduling window around the due date for the next regularly scheduled IMPEP review. For example, if a State review is due in four years, the review could be scheduled up to four months early (i.e., 3 years and 8 months), or up to four months later (i.e., 4 years and 4 months). The four month scheduling window is in no way meant to reflect program performance, but will give both NRC and Agreement States needed flexibility in scheduling IMPEP reviews. We will continue to attempt to schedule reviews as close as possible to the four-year frequency, and to accommodate specific requests for any scheduling restrictions.

In an effort to keep Agreement State program staff aware of upcoming IMPEP reviews, we have enclosed two documents: a Projected IMPEP Schedule: FY 2002-2004; and a Draft Schedule for IMPEP Reviews: FY 2002. The proposed schedules include two States initially due for review in FY 2002, Rhode Island and Maine, that have been shifted to the FY 2003 schedule. We expect both reviews to take place in the Autumn of 2002. We are providing you with both these documents to ensure that Agreement State personnel have advanced notice on the projected schedule of upcoming reviews.

We would appreciate receiving any comments* regarding our proposed approach to scheduling IMPEP reviews or the timing of an IMPEP review projected for FY 2002, within one month from the date of this letter. Once we have received any comments on the proposed schedule for FY 2002, we will issue a more complete draft schedule including designation of team leaders

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and Organization of Agreement State Liaisons, as well as approximate dates for Management Review Board meetings. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (301) 415-2325 or the individual named below:

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**PROJECTED IMPEP SCHEDULE
FY 2001-2004**

FY-2002	FY-2003	FY-2004
Region II	Region III	Region IV
AL	FL	CA
AR	IA	GA
AZ	MD	KY
KS	ME	LA
MA	MN ¹ - ORIENTATION	NC
NE	ND	WI ² -ORIENTATION
NY (4 Agencies)	PA ³ - ORIENTATION	
OK	RI	
OR	SC	
TN FOLLOW-UP	UT	
	WA	

¹Minnesota expects to become an Agreement State at the end FY 2002.

²Wisconsin expects to become an Agreement State in mid FY 2003. Orientation meetings occurs 9 months after the effective date of Agreement.

³Pennsylvania expects to become an Agreement State in mid-FY 2002.

**DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR IMPEP REVIEWS
FY 2002**

DATE	STATE (REGION)
10/01	TN FOLLOW-UP (RII)
2/02	AZ (RIV)
3/02	Region II
3/02	AR (RIV)
4/02 ¹	NY (RI)
4/02	AL (RII)
5/02	KS (RIV)
6/02	MA (RI)
7/02	OK (RIV)
8/02	OR (RIV)
9/02	NE (RIV)

¹ Due to the complexity of the New York program, this review will most likely take place over a number of weeks, and possibly through different months.