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Mr. Lawrence E. Nanney, Director
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Department of Environment and Conservation
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SUBJECT: TENNESSEE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE CALL OF JULY 1, 2003

Dear Mr. Nanney:

Enclosed is a summary of the notes from our quarterly teleconference that was held on July 1, 2003. Ms. Shults informed me by e-mail on July 17, 2003, that she had no corrections for the report.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in NRC's Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/ADAMS.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If you have any questions, please call me at 404-562-4704, or e-mail to rlw@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard L. Woodruff
Regional Agreement State Officer

Enclosure: As stated

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TENNESSEE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE CALL

DATE: July 1, 2003
TIME: 9:00 - 09:40 a.m. (CDT)

ATTENDEES:

TENNESSEE:

Eddie Nanney, Director, Division of Radiological Health (DRH)
Debra Shults, Deputy Director, DRH
Mary Helen Short, Administrator, DRH
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AGENDA / DISCUSSIONS:

1. **Status of Inspection Program (Open recommendation from 2000 IMPEP)**
 - a. Current number of inspections due 9
 - b. Current number of overdue inspections 1

The new tracking system for the Inspection Program has been implemented and is working well. Mr. Nanney related that the system was being considered as a model system to be utilized in other environmental programs in the Department.

2. **Actions taken to improve documentation supporting inspection findings, as noted under the follow-up recommendation 1 in the IMPEP report:**

Discussion: During the March 19, 2003 periodic meeting, the Division Director related that inspector guidance for report documentation and enforcement was being developed, and would be developed, tested, and implemented in all inspection offices prior to the next IMPEP. During this conference call, the Knoxville Field Office manager related that all reports from his office were being reviewed for timeliness, documentation of inspection findings, and evaluation for root cause. The Deputy Director related that she was reviewing reports from all offices, and was seeing more consistency in the inspection reports and notices of violation.

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3. Current Status of regulations that have been adopted and those in the process of being adopted?

Discussion: The Deputy Director related that she understood that all regulations needed prior to 2004 had been adopted in final. Mr. Woodruff related that the STP web site had not been updated with this information and that he would verify the regulation status with STP.

4. Are there any other Tennessee significant issues that needs to be identified such as legislation, budget, staffing, training, etc.?

Discussion:

- The Deputy Director reported that there had been no losses in the materials program since the periodic meeting, and that one person had been hired for the environmental monitoring program, and two persons were hired for the x-ray program. Another person was needed for the emergency response program.
- Five persons attended a transportation course, four persons attended a health physics course in Oak Ridge, and seven persons attended the Inspecting for Performance course. Several persons are scheduled to attend the licensing course in September, 2003. Two persons need the inspection procedures course.
- The Administrator reported that the program's appropriated funds were being cut by 9%. The Director further explained that the appropriated funds were only about 8.5% of their total budget, and that the loss would not significantly impact the current materials program activities. The cuts (if needed) will likely be in the environmental monitoring program.

5. Information needed from NRC:

The Deputy Director related that no one would be attending the NMED training scheduled for the NRC Regional offices, because of constraints on out of State travel, and she requested the updated software and training be provided to them in the Nashville office. Michelle Burgess in NMSS was contacted and Ms. Burgess replied that all States would be provided the updated software, and that she would ask STP to follow up on the request for specific training.

6. Date for next quarterly conference call:

The next conference call was tentatively scheduled for September 24, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. Central time. The State was reminded that the next Tennessee IMPEP was scheduled for February of 2004.