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Office of State Programs
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001
Attn: Paul Lohaus, Director, STP

Re: State Agreements Program Letter, STP-03-044
"Opportunity to Comment on Revision to the Integrated Materials
Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) Questionnaire"

Dear Mr. Lohaus:

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Division of Nuclear Safety (Division) hereby provides comments requested in the above-identified Agreement States letter. The revisions to the IMPEP are based on the IMPEP Lessons Learned Working Group report and IMPEP experience to date.

Overall, the Division agrees with the IMPEP questionnaire revisions. Several redundant information submittals are now eliminated and other improvements are noted. In regards to question 20, we recommend that the expectations of Agreement States regarding security policies and procedures be clearly identified. Also, including a consensus metric of what is considered a "licensing backlog" in section IV., Technical Quality of Licensing, would be helpful for Agreement States and NRC Regions.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this document. Should you have any questions regarding the Division's comments, please contact me at (217) 785-9930.

Sincerely,


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cc: Jim Lynch, Region III, State Agreements Officer

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