

CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY WITH RHODE ISLAND

DATE OF CALL: August 13, 2003

ATTENDEES:	<u>NRC</u>	<u>RHODE ISLAND</u>
	Duncan White, Region I	Marie Stoeckel
	Paul Lohaus, STP	Jack Ferruolo
	Josephine Piccone, STP	Dennis Klaczynski
	Lance Rakovan, STP	Bill Dundulis
	Dennis Sollenberger, STP	
	Aaron McCraw, STP	

STATUS OF MATERIAL INSPECTION PROGRAM

Mr. Ferruolo reviewed the Program's inspection schedule to address overdue inspections (see Attachment 1). Since the last call, the Program completed three core inspections (Thielsch Engineering, Kent County Hospital and Landmark Medical Center) and one non-core inspection (Thielsch Engineering). Since the IMPEP review in November 2002, the State has performed fourteen inspections.

Mr. Ferruolo noted that the State has authorized 14 licensees for reciprocity work so far this year. Three of these licensees are authorized for x-ray fluorescence devices (non-core licensees). The State has conducted two core inspections so far this year which is short of the criteria in IMC 1220 (18% or 2 out of 11).

Eight core licensees and three non-core licensees scheduled for March through August have not been inspected. Given the current status of pending inspections, the Program continues to operate at an unsatisfactory level for this performance indicator. The lack of progress is primarily due to the need to have the new inspectors (Mr. Klaczynski and Ms. Clay) finish their qualifications and perform more inspections independently. Ms. Piccone and Mr. Lohaus emphasized the importance of completing overdue inspections and then continue to complete the inspections in accordance with established priorities. At the request of Mr. Lohaus and Ms. Piccone, Ms. Stoeckel agreed to consider alternative options to facilitate getting individuals qualified and inspections completed. Subsequent to the conference call, Ms. Stoeckel contacted Mr. White on August 20 to indicated that new options are being developed by Mr. Ferruolo to address the NRC's concerns. These options will be submitted to the NRC in writing in the near future.

STATUS OF OTHER PROGRAM AREAS

1. STAFFING AND TRAINING

There has been no change in the status of formal training requests since the last conference call. Inspections continue to be used for on-the-job training or portions of the inspections were performed by the inspectors being trained. In addition to formal training classes, videos from CRCPD on specific topics are provided to staff for review.

According to Mr. Ferruolo, Mr. Klaczynski has met the inspector qualifications requirements for all types of licensees except broad scopes. Ms. Clay spends approximately 50% of her time on radioactive materials and still needs to complete three NRC training classes. Ms. Stoeckel indicated that Shelly Regan will be trained to perform materials inspections, but that is not planned for the short term.

2. LICENSING

The breakdown of pending licensing actions was provided by Mr. Ferruolo and is summarized in the table below.

Mr. Ferruolo indicated that the State is still awaiting a letter from their sole manufacturer (Niton) to initiate the process of transferring Niton's SS&D registration sheets to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The two pending actions will be completed by the Commonwealth.

The Program continues to await approval from other Health Department agencies before issuing a new license for a positron-emission tomography facility. The oldest renewal was received in 2000.

Type of Action	Number of Current Pending Actions	Change since Last Call
New	1	0
Amendment	4	+3
Renewal	18	-1
Termination	0	0
SSD	2	0
Totals	25	+2

3. INCIDENTS AND ALLEGATIONS

The Program received an allegation regarding a licensee due for inspection. The program will follow up on the concern at that time.

4. REGULATIONS

Mr. Dundulis stated that work on the draft regulation package is nearly complete with the members of the Advisory Committee's subcommittee. Another meeting with the subcommittee and then a meeting with the full committee are still needed. Mr. Dundulis indicated that the draft regulations should go to hearing this fall and that the NRC should receive the draft regulations for review in September 2003.

NEXT CALL

The next conference call will be October 1, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Lohaus requested that the program review STP's heightened oversight procedure (SA-122) and provide a written summary for each of the items in the Program Improvement Plan outlined in the State's March 31, 2003 letter. Mr. Ferruolo will provide Mr. White with this summary a week before the next call to ensure distribution.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment I is the electronic copy of the inspection schedule sent to Duncan White by Jack Ferruolo on August 5, 2003

ATTACHMENT 1

SUBMITTED SCHEDULE 8-5-03
To: D. White-Faxed: 610-337-5269

The following inspection schedule represents a target timeline to address current overdue inspections:

License No.	Licensee	NRC Lic. Type (frequency)	Insp. Due. (mo/yr)	Scheduled (mo/yr)	Completed (mo/yr)
7D-051-01	RI Hospital	02110 (1)	6/00	4/03	4/03
7D-026-01	Roger Williams Hosp	02110 (1)	10/99	6/03 pending completion of license review	
7D-045-01	Women & Infants Hosp.	02110 (1)	4/01	4/03	
3D-117-01	Ocean State Technical Services	03320 (1)	1/02	1/03*	1/03
3L-117-02	Ocean State Technical Services (new License)	03121 (5)	3/03	1/03	1/03
3D-083-02	Briggs Engineering	03320 (1)	12/99	1/03*	1/03
3L-083-01	Briggs Engineering	03212 (5)	8/02	1/03	1/03
3D-064-01	Anvil	03320 (1)	8/99	3/03	3/03
3D-005-01	Electric Boat	03320 (1)	5/99	5/03	
3D-065-01	Thielsch Engineering	03320 (1)	4/99	4-5/03 Pending completion of license review	6/03
3L-065-02	Thielsch Engineering	03121 (5)		4-5/03 pending completion of license review	6/03
3B-114-01	Syncor (Cardinal Health)	02500 (1)	7/00	12/02 partial- completion target 6/03	
3K-063-01	RI Nuclear Science Ctr	01100 (2)	1/01	7/03	
3K-040-01	Univ. of RI	01100 (2)	2/01	7/03	
3K-036-01	Brown Univ.	01100 (2)	1/01	5/03	
7B-020-01	Kent County Hosp	02120 (3)	7/00	8/03	6/03
7B-019-01	Landmark Medical Ctr.	02120 (3)	4/01	8/03	
8A-009-02	RI Emergency Mgmt.	03710 (5)	8/95	9/03	
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7B-043-01	Memorial Hosp	02120	3/03	6/03	
7B-109-01	NAVIX Diag.	02210 (5)	5/01	10/03	
7B-091-01	Fortunato,MD	02201 (5)	3/99	10/03	
3L-096-01	Professional Service Ind.	03121 (5)	4/98	5/03	
3L-070-01	J.H. Lynch	03121 (5)	2/99	5/03	
3L-055-01	Osram Sylvania	03120 (5)	6/96	3/03	4/03
3K-023-01	RI Psychiatric Research	03620 (5)	1/98	6/03	
3E-100-01	RI Blood Ctr.	03510 (5)	4/01	9/03	
3L-057-01	RI Health Lab.	03124 (7)	1/98	11/03	

*Priority 5 (gauge) inspections were performed in conjunction with the priority 1 (radiography) inspections. This approach of combined inspections whenever possible will be continued to more efficiently utilize inspection staff. It is anticipated that, without any unforeseen interruptions, the core inspections (priority 1-3) currently overdue will be completed by Sept 03.

Landmark (7B-019-01) is scheduled for 8/7/03. Women and Infants (7D-045-01) is targeted for 8/28/03.