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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA,

**REVISION TO MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 5.6, INTEGRATED MATERIALS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM (STP-03- 073)**

Enclosed for your review and comment is a draft revision to NRC Management Directive (MD) 5.6, "Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP)." The revision incorporates recommendations from the 2000 Sealed Source and Device (SS&D) Working Group report, February 2002 NRC staff's response to the SS&D working group report, April 2002 IMPEP Lessons Learned Working Group report, directions from the Management Review Board and additional enhancements identified since April 2002 based on the iterative process employed in IMPEP to factor in experience, comments, and suggestions. Also enclosed for your information in reviewing MD 5.6 is the document *Staff Resolution of Changes to Management Directive (MD) 5.6 Based on Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) Lessons Learned Working Group and Sealed Source and Devices (SS&D) Working Group Recommendations*, dated July 23, 2003.

We would appreciate receiving your comments\* within 45 days of receiving this letter.

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