

Heightened Oversight Conference Call Summary

Illinois

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This was the second heightened oversight call resulting from the April 2005 Illinois Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review. The review identified a number of regulations which were overdue for adoption. In June 2005, the Management Review Board found the Illinois program to be adequate to protect public health and safety but not compatible with the NRC's program. The Management Review Board determined that the Illinois program should undergo a period of heightened oversight until the State adopts regulations identified as overdue. The heightened oversight process involves State preparation of a program improvement plan, bimonthly conference calls, and submission of status reports.

The Illinois program improvement plan was submitted on August 10, 2005, identifying a tracking schedule for overdue regulations. A status report with an "IMPEP Milestones" table, was submitted on November 29, 2005, prior to the conference call.

During this conference call, the following items were discussed:

- Jim Lynch provided an overview of the Heightened Oversight process.
- Joe Klinger stated that IEMA was well on the way to adoption overdue regulations and that the heightened oversight process was not necessary. His desire is to conclude the heightened oversight process as soon as possible.
- Gibb Vinson discussed each of the regulations identified on their "IMPEP Milestones" table which tracks the regulation process. A number of the overdue regulations, including Parts 310, 326, 340 and 346 were accepted by the Illinois Joint Committee on

Administrative Rules (JCAR) and will be finalized soon. The remainder of the overdue regulations are scheduled to be completed by approximately April 2006. The State's tracking system also addresses those regulations which are required to be adopted but are not yet overdue.

- John Zabko discussed the IMPEP follow-up review process. The heightened oversight process requires the follow-up review to gather information for presentation to the members of the Management Review Board, who make the decision as to whether the process may be terminated. The follow-up review is tentatively scheduled for June 6, 2006. As per the SA-119 *"Follow-up IMPEP Reviews"* procedure, the review will include a periodic meeting. John Zabko and Jim Lynch will perform the follow-up review.
- The next heightened oversight call is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. (CT) on February 2, 2006. Illinois will submit a status update prior to the call. Jim Lynch will prepare a call agenda.

Questions or comments about this call should be directed to Jim Lynch, Regional State Agreements Officer, at (630) 829-9661.