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Tom,

Attached is the final summary of the topics discussed during the March 7 telephone call.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 817-860-8143.

Thank you,

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**Heightened Oversight  
Kansas Conference Call Summary  
Date of Call: March 7, 2006**

These minutes are presented in the same general order as the items discussed in the meeting. The participants were as follows:

**NRC Attendees**

Vivian Campbell, RIV  
John Zabko, STP  
Janet Schlueter, Director STP  
Aaron McCraw, STP  
James Lynch, RIII

**State of Kansas Attendees**

Tom Conley, Section Chief  
Dave Whitfill, Supervisor, Radiation

**Amended Program Improvement Plan (Plan)**

NRC staff opened the call with an introduction of participating staff and a discussion about the changes to Kansas' Plan since the last conference call on January 4, 2006. The current status of the actions taken by the Bureau is discussed below.

**Status of Regulation Promulgation**

The general license (GL) rule has been sent to the Secretary for adoption. Bureau management anticipates that the final GL rule will be published in the Kansas Register within the next couple of weeks. When published, the rule will become effective in 15 days. Bureau management believes that this process will be completed by the end of March 2006.

The Bureau is currently preparing their final regulations to be sent to NRC for review. Staff are in the process of merging two files, the outdated regulations with the new regulations, to clearly demonstrate the changes that have been made. Bureau management expects to have the final regulations to NRC for review by the end of March 2006.

**Status of Training New Staff**

The new staff and one of the x-ray staff have completed the two-week health physics course. One of the senior staff took the security training course in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Bureau has three staff slated to take the security training in 2006 and two in 2007. Two staff are scheduled to take the industrial radiography course in Tulsa, Oklahoma next month. After the staff have completed training in industrial radiography and well logging, the next training emphasis will be in nuclear medicine.

**Status of New Staff Positions**

On January 1, 2006, the radiation control inspector classification was changed to environmental scientists (ES) II. The reclassification resulted in a 5 percent raise for the current staff. The Bureau posted five vacancies on February 1, 2006 and management is in the process of interviewing candidates. Bureau management believes that they will have filled the ES-III position and two ES-II positions by April 2006. Of the five positions, one has been designated for the ES-III position, one for radioactive materials program, two for the x-ray program, and

one for the environmental radiation and emergency preparedness program. Bureau management stated that the radioactive materials program will consist of one supervisor and five staff. Management is planning to continue their cross training initiative for program depth.

**Status of Licensing Actions and Inspections**

The Bureau has been able to maintain the backlog at status quo, with 10 licensing actions and 15 inspections overdue.

**Date of Next Call**

The State's IMPEP is scheduled for the week of April 17, 2006.