

August 31, 2006

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Dear Ms. Jablonski:

Per our discussion, I will be the team leader for the follow-up IMPEP review of the Texas Agreement State Program scheduled for the week of November 13-17, 2006. In connection with the follow-up review and in accordance with the Office of State and Tribal Programs (STP) Procedure SA-116, we request a meeting, no longer than half a day, to discuss your portion of the Texas Agreement State Program and share programmatic information. This letter confirms that, after previous coordination, the meeting is scheduled for the week of November 13, 2006, in connection with the follow-up IMPEP review of the Texas Agreement State Program and will be held in your offices.

Likely topics for discussion at the meeting include:

1. Status of State's actions to address all open previous IMPEP review findings and/or open recommendations.
2. Strengths and/or weaknesses of the State program as identified by the State or NRC including identification of actions that could diminish weaknesses.
3. Feedback on NRC's program as identified by the State and including identification of any action that should be considered by NRC.
4. Status of State Program including:
 - a. Staffing and training:
 - i) Number of staff in the program and status of their training and qualifications;
 - ii) Program vacancies;
 - iii) Staff turnover;
 - iv) Adequacy of FTEs for the materials program.

- b. Materials Inspection Program:
 - I) Discuss the status of the inspection program including if an inspection backlog exists and the steps being taken to work off backlog.
 - c. Regulations and Legislative changes:
 - I) Discuss status of State's regulations and actions to keep regulations up to date, including the use of legally binding requirements.
 - d. Program reorganizations:
 - I) Discuss any changes in program organization including program/staff relocations and new appointments.
 - e. Changes in Program budget/funding.
5. Event Reporting, including follow-up and closure information in NMED.
6. Response to Incidents and Allegations:
- a. Status of allegations and concerns referred by the NRC for action;
 - b. Significant events and generic implications.
7. Information exchange and discussion:
- a. Current State initiatives;
 - b. Emerging technologies;
 - c. Large, complicated or unusual authorizations for use of radioactive materials, including:
 - I) Panoramic/Pool/Underwater Irradiators;
 - ii) Major decommissioning and license termination actions;
 - iii) Waste processing, storage and disposal licenses;
 - iv) Others.
 - d. State's mechanisms to evaluate performance (as applicable):
 - I) Self audits;
 - ii) Computer tracking;
 - iii) Inspector accompaniments;
 - iv) Other management tools.
 - e. NRC current initiatives.

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If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 415-2320, or e-mail to kxs@nrc.gov. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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