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Agreement State Programs Branch  
Division of Materials Safety, State, Tribal,  
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

RE: Draft Rhode Island IMPEP Report dated April 11, 2016

Dear Mr. Michalak:

On behalf of the Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health, I am providing comment on the draft IMPEP report referenced above.

I wish to thank you and your review team for a thorough and collaborative review. The Radiation Control Program staff and I appreciate the opportunity to learn from both the expertise and review activities of your team.

We find no substantive errors or disagreements with your teams observations, comments, and recommendations.

1. The review team recommends that the State take appropriate measures to conduct Priority 1, 2, and 3 inspections and initial inspections in accordance with the inspection priority in IMC 2800.

The Center for Health Facilities and Regulation (CHFR) believes the Radiation Control Program for Materials is currently in full compliance with the NRC requirements and, with the addition of two new staff members, anticipates continued compliance throughout the next IMPEP review period. Additionally, to assist with the workload in the Radiation Control Program, there are two positions ((Radiological Health Specialist (scheduled start date of May 29, 2016) and the Licensing Aide (scheduled start date of June 12, 2016)) that have been approved and will begin training during the month of June 2016.

The Department concurs with a monitoring period and welcomes the involvement, insight, and support of the NRC Regional Office. Item one (1) 1 addressed above is currently our responses and/or action steps for the recommendation along with our good-faith commitment to improve the programs overall performance to the full satisfaction of the NRC:

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seema Dixit", is written over a horizontal line.

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Cc: Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, Director, RI Department of Health