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September 26, 2016

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Dear Mr. Lewis:

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) and the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) wishes to express our appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the NRC's Strategic Planning meeting on August 23, 2016. Bill Irwin, Matt McKinley and Jared Thompson were the representatives during this teleconference meeting. CRCPD was also represented by its Executive Director, Ruth McBurney. Since the state representatives were not able to participate for the entire teleconference, we are providing written comments as discussed during the call.

We believe that there should be a more proactive and immediate response to regulatory changes which will only strengthen nationwide consistency for the National Material Program. This is very apparent with the issue surrounding the Germanium-68 /Gallium-68 generator. Good regulations are an outcome of anticipation of industry and medical needs in the new uses of radioactive materials.

CRCPD and OAS agree that some of the strengths of NRC have been in the areas of rulemaking, Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP), and professional training courses for Agreement State staff. All of these contribute to the strengthening of the National Materials Program.

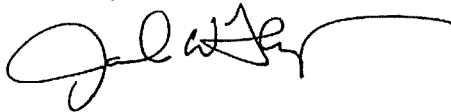
As Partners in the National Materials Program, NRC should acknowledge the Agreement States status in the regulations of radioactive materials. The Agreement States regulate the licensure and safe use of approximately 87% of radioactive materials licenses nationwide. CRCPD and OAS acknowledge and appreciate the NRC efforts in rulemaking and development of training courses. We will continue to strengthen the partnership with NRC during the development and implementation of regulations. Because of the number of inspections conducted by Agreement States, inspection information and experience can be provided to NRC as needed.

CRCPD and OAS would like to enhance and further strengthen the partnership with NRC and maintain a strong communicative working relationship. We are available to continue in the review of the new 2018-2022 NRC Strategic Plan.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Matt McKinley, OAS Chair at 502-564-4181 or Jared Thompson, CRCPD, Chair at 501-661-2173.

Sincerely,



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Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors



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