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Sincerely,

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Draft Agenda for Periodic Meeting with Rhode Island

Topic areas for discussion during the meeting may include:

1. Program reorganizations:

Discuss any changes in program organization, including program/staff relocations and new appointments.

2. Changes in program budget/funding.

3. Feedback on the NRC's program as identified by the State, including identification of any action that should be considered by the NRC.

4. Status of the State's program, including:

a. Technical Staffing and Training (2016 IMPEP: Satisfactory but needs improvement)

- i) Number of staff in the program and status of their training and qualifications;
- ii) Program vacancies;
- iii) Staff turnover; and,
- iv) Adequacy of FTEs for the materials program.

Recommendation 1: The MRB recommends that the Program management take measures to ensure proper documentation of inspection tracking dates and ensure the Program's licensing and inspection files are complete.

b. Status of the Materials Inspection Program (2016 IMPEP: Unsatisfactory)

- i) Number of inspection performed overdue since the last IMPEP review
- ii) Number of inspection currently overdue
- iii) Number of initial inspections completed on time and overdue since the last IMPEP
- iv) Reciprocity inspections since the last IMPEP

Recommendation 2: 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. This recommendation remains open from the 2011 IMPEP review.

c. Technical Quality of Inspections (2016 IMPEP: Satisfactory)

d. Technical Quality of Licensing (2016 IMPEP: Satisfactory)

Recommendation 3: The MRB recommends that Program management develop and implement an action plan to reduce the licensing renewal backlog.

e. Technical Quality of Incidents and Allegations (2016 IMPEP: Satisfactory)

- i) Status of allegations and concerns referred by the NRC for action;
- ii) Significant events and generic implications.
- iii) Event reporting, including follow-up and closure information in NMED

f. Compatibility Requirements (2016 IMPEP: Satisfactory)

- i) Regulations
 - a. Discuss status of State's regulations and actions to keep regulations up to date, including the use of legally binding requirements.
- ii) Legislative changes

5. Information exchange and discussion:

- a. Current State initiatives;
- b. Emerging technologies;
- c. Large, complicated, or unusual authorizations for use of radioactive materials;
- d. State's mechanisms to evaluate performance; and,
- e. NRC current initiatives.

6. Additional Topics

7. Additional Periodic Meeting (18 months)