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FROM: *[Handwritten initials]* John W. Lubinski, co-Chair
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SUBJECT: FINAL WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT

On June 20, 1995, the Commission approved a staff plan to form a working group (WG) to evaluate current regulations concerning general- and specific-licensed devices. The task of the WG was to assess the current regulatory programs for general- and specific-licensed devices and determine the baseline for regulating these devices.

The WG has completed its task and developed a report (copy attached) that includes its recommendations. The WG attempted to achieve consensus among all members to develop its recommendations and report. In cases where full agreement could not be reached, the WG relied on the consensus of the majority of its members.

The WG would like to note that it held public meetings, a public workshop, participated in an NRC/Agreement State Technical Workshop, and presented for comment preliminary recommendations during the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors' annual meeting. All meetings of the WG were open to the public and announced on the NRC Public Meeting Notice System. The meetings were designed to encourage open communications between the WG and stakeholders and to allow for interested parties to express their opinions. The WG expects that its report will be made available to the public as a NUREG document.

The co-Chairs would like to thank the members of the WG for their dedication and contributions. Special thanks to Jim Yusko for his contributions of incident data collected and for his dedication to providing his resources to the WG. Thanks also to Martha Dibblee for her contributions of time, energy, and creativity while meeting the demands of her routine duties and to Joel Lubenau for his contributions and creative effort in establishing the WG and developing its focus.

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The co-Chairs also wish to express appreciation to the participants in the WG meetings and the public workshop. They were instrumental in the development of the WG recommendations.

If you would like to discuss the report or the WG activities, please contact either John Lubinski at 415-7868 or Robert Free at (512) 834-6688.

Attachment: As stated

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