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SUBJECT:

INTEGRATED MATERIALS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
PROGRAM (IMPEP) REVIEW OF LOUISIANA RADIATION
CONTROL PROGRAM

This memorandum transmits to the Management Review Board (MRB) a proposed final report (Attachment 1) documenting the IMPEP review of the Louisiana Radiation Control Program. The review of the Louisiana program was conducted by an interoffice team during the period October 7-11, 1996. The team issued a draft report to Louisiana on February 14, 1997, for factual comment. Louisiana's factual comments, received by letters dated February 28, 1997, from Mr. J. Dale Givens, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and March 4, 1997, from Mr. William Spell, Administrator, Radiation Protection Division (Attachment 2) have been incorporated into the proposed final report. Minor editorial corrections sent by Mr. Spell have also been incorporated into the proposed final report.

The review team found the State's performance, with respect to the common indicators to be satisfactory and the non-common indicator Sealed Source and Device Evaluation Program, to be satisfactory with recommendations for improvement. Based on the existing NRC compatibility policy and the IMPEP evaluation criteria, the review team found the State's performance with respect to the non-common indicator, Legislation and Regulations, to be unsatisfactory. Based on these indicators, the review team recommends that the MRB find the Louisiana program to be adequate to protect public health and safety and not compatible with the NRC's regulatory program.

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If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact me at 415-2326 or Richard Woodruff at 404-331-5545.

Attachments:

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