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RE: Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program Review of the Nevada Agreement State Program dated November 1-5, 2021, Draft Report

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the draft Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program Review of the Nevada Agreement State Program. As requested, we have reviewed the draft report and have the following comments:

1) Section 1.0 Introduction, paragraph 3, the bureau's name needs to be changed. The program is part of the Bureau of Health Protection and Preparedness.
2) Section 3.5, Technical Quality of Incident and Allegation Activities, item b. Discussion, states in part, "2 damaged portable moisture density gauges (one of which involved a fatality)". Please clarify that radiation exposure was not the cause nor a contributing factor in the fatality. For this incident, the portable gauge user died as a result of injuries sustained when he and the portable gauge were run over by a grader.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contract me at 775.720.8530 or at kbeckley@health.nv.gov.

Sincerely,

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