May 26, 2004

ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT USE OF INSPECTION MANUAL CHAPTER 2800, MATERIALS INSPECTION PROGRAM, AND THE ROUTINE INSPECTION PROCEDURES (STP-04-040)


Pilot Project Five tested the implementation of the revised materials inspection program in the Non-Agreement States and would like to understand how the Agreement States are using the revised NRC IMC 2800 and the associated inspection procedures. The information collected will be analyzed and included in the final report for Pilot Project Five which will be provided to the Commission later this year. We appreciate your cooperation in this effort and request that you provide responses¹ to the following questions by June 30, 2004. Please provide your responses to: Mr. Thomas F. Young, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, MS-T-9C24, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Telephone (301) 415-5795 or e-mail TFY@NRC.GOV.

1. Has your State adopted all or some of the revised NRC IMC 2800 and the associated inspection procedures? If not, does your State plan to adopt them?

2. Risk-based information was used to lengthen the routine inspection intervals for most types of use that are listed in Enclosure 1 of the revised NRC IMC 2800. Does your State have different inspection intervals? If yes, please provide your comments.

3. Does your State have any other comments related to the use of the revised NRC IMC 2800 and the associated inspection procedures. If yes, please provide your comments.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below:

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¹ This information request has been approved by OMB 3150-0029, expiration 06/30/04. The estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary collection is approximately 6 hours. Forward any comments regarding the burden estimate to the Information and Records Branch (T-6F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to the Paperwork Reduction Project (3150-0029), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a document does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information.