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MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT INFORMATION: REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON ACTION PLAN TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF NRC/AGREEMENT STATE WORKING GROUP ON EVENT REPORTING (STP-01- 085)

I am writing to ask for your review and comment on the enclosed Action Plan to respond to the recommendations of the "Final Report of the Working Group on Event Reporting" dated April 2001.¹ The Working Group (WG) was established in April 2000, to review the current event reporting process and develop recommendations to provide a more realistic, efficient and effective program.

NRC staff discussed a proposed approach to respond to the WG recommendations with the Organization of Agreement States Executive Board. Under the proposed approach, NRC staff would draft an Action Plan and subsequently share it with the Agreement States for review and comment. NRC staff has developed the enclosed Action Plan to provide a proposed response to each WG recommendation. The WG report includes 33 specific recommendations, with priorities, and 62 recommended rule changes. The Action Plan endorses 28 recommendations and 44 recommended rule changes. For each recommendation the Action Plan identifies lead NRC offices that would be responsible for implementation. Many of the recommendations will also involve State coordination, cooperation and assistance. The Action Plan also lists the WG recommendations which were not endorsed.

For those recommendations involving suggested changes to current reporting requirements, NRC will, as part of current and future rulemaking actions, review the identified reporting requirements, revise them as necessary, and consider whether it is appropriate to consolidate or reference them in a new reporting subpart. NRC does not plan, at this time, to initiate a separate rulemaking to specifically address the WG rulemaking recommendations.

We would especially appreciate comments on any items which you believe deserve priority attention and those which you endorse. We would also appreciate your indication of particular tasks and issues where you would be willing to provide support.

We would appreciate your comments* within 45 days of receipt of this letter.

¹*Final Report of the Working Group on Event Reporting*, dated April 2001 (ADAMS Accession No. ML011220065).

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