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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Directive and Handbook 5.6 are being revised to reflect the merger and revision of the Agreement State Policy Statement. Directive and Handbook 5.6 are also being revised to incorporate recommendations from two working group reports; directions from the Management Review Board; additional enhancements identified since 2002; and to provide updated revisions based on the Office of State and Tribal Programs name change.

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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to evaluate the NRC materials programs and the Agreement State radiation control programs in an integrated manner, by teams with sufficient knowledge to conduct the reviews, using common and non-common performance indicators, to ensure that public health and safety is being adequately protected. .

II. OBJECTIVES

- A. To establish the process by which the Office of Nuclear Material Safety conducts its periodic assessment to determine the adequacy of its program in the NRC Regions and Agreement States.
- B. To provide NRC Agreement State management with a systematic and integrated approach to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their nuclear material licensing and inspection programs.
- C. To provide significant input to the management of the regulatory decision making process and indicate areas in which NRC and Agreement States should dedicate more resources or management attention.
- D. To provide training and development for IMPEP team members to meet minimum knowledge, skill, and ability qualification standards through a standardized methodology.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

A. Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Waste, Research, State, Tribal, Compliance, Administration and Human Capital Programs (DEDM)

Oversees the integrated materials performance evaluation program (IMPEP).

Chairs the management review boards (MRBs).

Signs final reports issued to each region and Agreement States.

Oversees the establishment, operation, maintenance, and evaluation of technical and nontechnical programs.

B. Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)

Implement the IMPEP within NMSS. Provide staffing support and training for review teams.

Establish a schedule and develop a detailed review regimen for conducting the reviews in each region and Agreement State.

Monitor the IMPEP process; evaluate and develop IMPEP policy, criteria, and methodology; and assess the uniformity and adequacy of the implementation of the program.

Prepare final reports for each region and State for consideration by the MRB and signature by the DEDM.

Participate on MRBs.

Coordinate with the Agreement States to provide appropriate representatives for IMPEP reviews and MRB meetings.

Ensure all personnel acting as IMPEP team members or team leaders achieve and maintain qualifications.

C. General Counsel

Participates on MRBs.

D. Regional Administrators

Implement the IMPEP within their respective region.

Provide staffing support for review teams, as needed.

Ensure all personnel acting as IMPEP team members or team leaders achieve and maintain qualifications

Participates on MRBs.

IV. APPLICABILITY

The policy and guidance in this directive and handbook apply to all NRC employees.

V. HANDBOOK

Handbook 5.6 describes the performance indicators that will be used, the performance standards against which these indicators will be evaluated, and the frequency and process sequence to be employed. The Glossary in the handbook also defines the most commonly used key terminology.

VI. REFERENCES

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10.

NRC "Statement of Principle and Policy for the Agreement State Program; Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs," 62 FR 46517, September 3, 1997.

NRC Inspection Manual—

Chapter 0610, "Inspection Reports."

Chapter 1246, "Formal Qualification Programs in the Nuclear
Material Safety and Safeguards Program Area."

Chapter 2600, "Fuel Cycle Facility Operational Safety and
Safeguards Inspection Program."

Chapter 2604, "Licensee Performance Review."

Chapter 2605, "Decommissioning Procedures for Fuel Cycle
and Materials Licensees."

Chapter 2800, "Materials Inspection Program."

Chapter 2801, "Uranium Mill and 11e.(2) Byproduct Material
Disposal Site and Facility Inspection Program."

Inspection Procedure 87104, "Decommissioning Inspection
Procedure for Materials Licensees."

Inspection Procedure 88104, "Decommissioning Inspection
Procedure for Fuel Cycle Facilities."

NRC Management Directive 5.9, "Adequacy and Compatibility of
Agreement State Programs."

NRC Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Procedures—

SA-113, "Placing an Agreement State on Probation."

SA-114, "Suspension of a Section 274b Agreement."

SA-115, "Termination of a Section 274b Agreement."

SA-116, "Periodic Meetings With Agreement States Between
IMPEP Reviews."

SA-122, "Heightened Oversight and Monitoring."

SA-200, "Compatibility Categories and Health and Safety
Identification for NRC Regulations and Other Program
Elements."

SA-201, "Review of State Regulatory Requirements."

SA-300, "Reporting Material Events."