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SUBJECT: FINAL REPORT OF THE NRC/STATE WORKING GROUP
ON EVENT REPORTING

The final report of the NRC/State Working Group on Event Reporting is attached for your use. On January 27, 2000, the NRC Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) formed the working group to provide NRC management with recommendations for making the reporting and assessment of material events more effective, efficient, and realistic. The report identifies discrepancies between the NRC Strategic Plan and current NRC reporting requirements. It also reviews guidance on event reporting, information in the Nuclear Materials Events Database (NMED), communication between internal stakeholders, implementation of the NMSS Generic Issues Program, and use of computer applications.

The working group efforts have been coordinated with the Steering Committee for the National Materials Program. Our recommendations are ranked as high priority, medium priority, and low priority using a forced ranking procedure requested by the steering committee. The Steering Committee requested that the working group assess the purpose of NMED, and whether the purpose was being satisfied. The working group evaluated this request, and concluded that it went beyond the more narrow review outlined in item 3 of the working group's charter.

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In addition, an effective assessment would require technical expertise and management insight that were not represented on the working group. The working group therefore limited its assessment to the review outlined in its charter.

We are providing copies of our report to the following working groups for their information:

National Materials Program Working Group
IMPEP Lessons Learned Working Group
Working Group for the Phase II Review and Revision of
the Nuclear Byproduct Materials Program

We hope you find the report useful.

Attachment: Final WG Report

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