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NOTIFICATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 INTEGRATED MATERIALS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM TEAM MEMBER TRAINING (STC-16-087)

**Purpose**: To inform the Agreement States of the upcoming Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) team member training and to solicit interested participants.

**Background**: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducts periodic reviews of Agreement State programs to ensure that public health and safety are adequately protected from the potential hazards associated with the use of radioactive materials and that Agreement State programs are compatible with the NRC's program. IMPEP employs a team of NRC and Agreement State staff to assess both Agreement State and the NRC regional radioactive materials programs. Routinely, the NRC offers the IMPEP Team Member Training to the NRC and Agreement State radiation control program employees with an interest in performing IMPEP reviews.

**Discussion**: The Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards is soliciting interest from the Agreement States for IMPEP review team members. Program Directors should submit names of their staff interested in participating on IMPEP review teams to the contact person below via e-mail within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Any Agreement State staff member is eligible to participate on an IMPEP review team as long as they can meet the criteria to be a principal reviewer for at least one IMPEP performance indicator, as described in the NRC Management Directive 5.10, "Formal Qualifications for Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) Team Members."

The NRC fiscal year (FY) 2017 IMPEP team member training is being held February 13–15, 2017, in Rockville, Maryland. Attendees should expect to commit 4-5 days to this training, including travel time (2 ½ days of training and 1-2 days of travel time depending on flight availability and distance). Specific travel instructions will be provided to interested Agreement State staff in a separate correspondence. The NRC will reimburse costs incurred due to travel to and from the IMPEP team member training in accordance with Federal travel regulations.

The IMPEP team member training in February will also serve as refresher training for existing IMPEP team members who are supporting an FY 2017 IMPEP and did not participate on an IMPEP review or attend IMPEP team member training in the last 2 years. Agreement State team members in need of refresher training will be notified individually by the IMPEP Project Manager. Priority for attendance is given to team members needing refresher training that are on the schedule to participate in a review in FY 2017.

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If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact Paul Michalak at (301) 415-5804 or the individual named below:

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