Mr. Aubrey V. Godwin, Director
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June 18, 2002

Dear Mr.Godwin:

On June 6, 2002, the Management Review Board (MRB) met to consider the proposed final Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) report on the Arizona Agreement State Program. The MRB found the Arizona program adequate to protect public health and safety and compatible with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's program.

NRC recognizes the efforts of Arizona and the other Agreement States to maintain an adequate and compatible program. During the meeting, the MRB discussed the recent reductions in funding for the Arizona Agreement Program and its impact on funding travel for training. The review team also discussed with you their concerns with an aging workforce. The MRB recognized that Program performance can be affected by the reductions in funding and by the potential loss of qualified staff to retirement.

Section 5.0, page 17, of the enclosed final report presents the IMPEP team's recommendations for the State of Arizona. We received your April 25, 2002 letter which described your staff's actions taken in response to the recommendations in the draft report. We request no addi.

Based on the results of the current IMPEP review, the next full review will be in approxima.ely four years.

I appreciate the courtesy and cooperaluatiextended to the IMPEP team during the review and your support of the Radiation Control Program. I look forward to our agencies continuing to work cooperaluvely in the future.

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that within 30 working days of completing the inspection, the Agency will mail a letter indicating

augmented by the Program Manager and Agency Director. The Program Manager reviews all

3.4 Technical Quality of Licensing Actions

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The 1995 procedure also indicated that all official complaints must be filed in writing, unless circumstances prohibit such action and that anonymous complaints are not subject to action by the Program unless they have another independent reason to believe that some violations are

Based on the IMPEP evaluation criteria, the review team recommends that Arizona's performance with respect to the indicator, Legislation and Program Elements Required for Compatibility, be found satisfactory with recommendations for improvement.

4.2 Sealed Source and Device (SS&D) Evaluation Program

In conducting this review, three sub-indicators were used to evaluate the Agency's performance regarding their SS&D Evaluation Program. These sub-indicators include: (1) Technical Quality of the Product Evaluation; (2) Technical Staffing and Training; and (3) Evaluation of Defects and Incidents Regarding SS&Ds.

In assessing the Agency's SS&D Evaluation Program, the review team examined information provided by the Agency in response to the IMPEP questionnaire on this indicator. A review of selected SS&D evaluations and supporting documents covering the review period was conducted. The team observed the staff's use of guidance documents and procedures, and interviewed the staff and Program Manager involved in SS&D evaluations.

4.2.1 Technical Quality of the Product Evaluation Program

The Agency did not process any new SS&D applications since the last review in February 1998. However, the Agency issued one amendment correcting deficiencies identified during the previous IMPEP review. The review team noted that in 1993, preceding the previous IMPEP review period, the Agency issued two SS&D registration certificates for self-luminous light sources. During the review of the Agency's casework supporting the revision of the certificate issued April 16, 1998,

LIST OF APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS

APPENDIX A

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April 25, 2002 Letter from Aubrey V. Godwin
Arizona's Response to Draft IMPEP Report

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