

ORGANIZATION OF AGREEMENT STATES



INFORMATION FOR NEW RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

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What is the National Materials Program?

The National Materials Program (NMP) is the broad collective framework within which both the NRC and the Agreement States function in carrying out their respective regulatory programs for radioactive material. The mission of the NMP is to create a genuine partnership between the NRC and Agreement States that will ensure protection of public health, safety, security, and the environment from the hazards associated with radioactive material.

How can I ask for help?

Reach out to your RSAO or email the OAS board at oasboard@agreementstates.org

What is an RSAO?

The Regional State Agreement Officer serves as the primary point-of-contact with the Agreement States. The goal of the RSAO is to keep an open line of communication between the agreement state and the NRC.

What is IMPEP?

IMPEP stands for the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program. IMPEP is a performance evaluation process that provides the NRC and Agreement States with systematic, integrated, and reliable evaluations of the strengths and challenges of their respective radiation control programs and identification of areas needing improvement. IMPEP is also used to evaluate the health of the NMP.

How do I prepare for IMPEP?

<https://www.nrc.gov/materials/toolboxes/impep.html>

What is the role of OAS? How can it benefit me?

The purpose of the OAS is to provide a mechanism for Agreement States to work with each other and with the NRC on regulatory issues. We can bridge the gap between the states and the NRC. OAS works with the NRC to create opportunities for membership to have greater involvement in the development of the policies, guidance and regulations. The Board can provide state programs their knowledge, guidance, & assistance for IMPEP reviews. Support can be available at any stage of the IMPEP process; examples of this may include preparation, questionnaire responses, reviewing the report findings, management review boards and developing corrective actions.

