Agreement State Programs Branch Update

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State of the Branch

- Staffing
- IMPEP
- Compatibility Reviews
- Guidance
- Assessment
- Training
- On-going Work
- Communication
Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP)

- 11 IMPEP reviews conducted in FY 2018 (including one remaining)
- Eight associated Management Review Boards (MRBs) completed
- Three MRBs scheduled in the remainder of CY 2018

The reviews included Agreement State personnel filling 19 team member slots.
Compatibility Reviews

- FY 2018 – 46 actions completed to date with approximately 174 amendments, including legislation and license condition reviews.

- Many of the regulations submitted were for incorporating NRC regulations by reference.

- Part 35 medical rulemaking; STC 18-055, Revision of the Chronology of NRC Amendments including the Summary of Change for RATS ID 2018-1, issued on August 1, 2018.
In April 2018, Management Directive 5.9, “Adequacy and Compatibility of Program Elements for Agreement State Programs” was issued.

Some of the Changes

Å Followup IMPEP Reviews

- A followup IMPEP review is a limited scope evaluation specific to findings from a previous IMPEP review. The purpose of the review is to re-evaluate indicator(s) found less than satisfactory in the previous review.

Å Special Reviews

- An IMPEP special review is a limited scope evaluation that may involve a single or narrow portion of a common or non-common performance indicator. An IMPEP special review may be requested by the NRC or Agreement State program. These reviews may be technical in nature and not require the use of the IMPEP evaluation criteria.
Some of the Changes

- The procedure was revised to refer to the applicable SA procedures as these contain more specific criteria than the MD. The MD is a high-level document which is not as frequently or easily revised as the SA procedures.

- Some commenters wanted subjective qualifying language removed from the procedure. While we understand that more objective and quantitative criteria is desired, this would not allow for the flexibility in judgement that is required as circumstances vary in each IMPEP review.
Focused Self-Assessment of the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program report was issued in June 2018.

The self-assessment team focused on two common performance indicators, (1) Technical Staffing and Training and (2) Status of Materials Inspection Program, to determine if changes or enhancements were warranted.
Change the criteria for the completion of reciprocity inspections from 20 percent to 5 percent.

- The Joint NRC/Agreement State Phase Two Materials Inspection Program Working Group plans to review and revise Inspection Manual Chapter 1220.

Evaluate whether the draft IMPEP report can be made not-publicly available

- The NRC management and staff have concluded that the draft reports need to remain publically available to be consistent with the NRC’s policy of transparency.

An IMPEP team leader workshop should be held annually in conjunction with the annual IMPEP team member training and the workshop should include topics such as indicator criteria.

- The NRC staff is now conducting IMPEP team leader workshops and team member training on an annual basis.
Training

- FY 2017: 504 training slots filled
- FY 2018: ~496 training slots filled, 380 slots in class, 116 slots online
- 37 courses were provided in FY 2018 (including 5 online courses)
- 31 courses will be provided in FY 2019 (including 6 online courses)
- ASPB coordinates all Agreement State Travel and Training
Training

¬ Blended or Online Training Courses

¬ RSAO-compiled Agreement State staff qualification lists

¬ On-line training course registration process

¬ Course Mobility
Emergent Work/Issues

• New Agreements
  • Wyoming
  • Vermont

• Other Issues
  • Non-military radium
  • National Materials Program (NMP) guidance document
Communication

- RSAOs the focal point for communication
- OAS/CRCPD monthly teleconferences
- NMSS State Communications Portal - https://scp.nrc.gov/
- STC/RCPD letters comment periods coordinated with OAS
Questions?