NRC and Agreement State Collaboration on Inspections

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What Is It?

• Recognition of the collective efforts of our regulatory partners
• More efficient use of regulatory resources
• Reduction of duplication of efforts
• Working in concert to protect public health and safety
• In the spirit of the National Materials Program
What It Is Not?

• Relinquishing our authority to our regulatory partners

• Pawning off our problems on our regulatory partners

• Stepping on each others’ toes
How Does It Take to Work?

• Communication

• Trust

• And a whole lot more communication
Real-life Example

• A radiography company is licensed by the State of Minnesota and the NRC.

• The corporate RSO is physically located in Minnesota.

• NRC’s inspection procedures require an annual inspection of the “main office”.
Real-life Example

- Minnesota’s inspection procedures also require an (at least) annual inspection of radiography activities in their jurisdiction.
- Minnesota reviews the corporate oversight on behalf of the NMP and shares its findings with its co-regulators.
- Fellow regulators can accept Minnesota’s findings and determine if additional review is needed to satisfy their requirements.
Real-life Example

• In this example, Minnesota did have findings that related to the licensee’s national program and cited the licensee.

• Licensee corrected the issue fleet-wide based on Minnesota’s findings.
Challenges

• Communication

• Legal

• Enforcement
Help us find what it will take to make this work across the entire National Materials Program.