

# 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

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