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SUBJECT: Y2K QUESTIONS DURING INSPECTIONS

In my November 17, 1997, memorandum, "Effect of the Year 2000 Computer Problem on Materials and Fuel Cycle Licensees" I requested that three Year 2000 (Y2K) questions be asked during routine inspections. Additionally, in the Spring of 1998, materials Inspections Procedures (IPs) were modified to include the gathering of Y2K information from licensees. Specifically, the IPs directed inspectors to: (a) confirm that the licensee received Information Notice 96-70, "Year 2000 Effect on Computer System Software," and Information Notice 97-61, "U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Letter to Medical Device Manufacturers, on the Year 2000 Problem"; (b) inform the licensee of the NRC list server on the Year 2000 problem, and encourage its use in sharing any identified problems and solutions; (c) determine whether the licensee has identified any potential problems, and if so, taken corrective action. With the successful transition of materials licensees and fuel cycle facilities into the year 2000, it is no longer relevant for the Regions to have their inspectors gather Y2K information from licensees. Additionally, the Y2K procedures will be removed from the IPs during the next revision of the procedures.

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