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ABSTRACT

The Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Environmental Management (EM) is developing the Integrated Performance Evaluation Program (IPEP) to collate and evaluate results from existing performance evaluation (PE) programs and to provide reports of these evaluations to participating laboratories, sample management organizations, EM project and program managers, and other management levels within EM. The IPEP will also provide guidance to these various report audiences on the need for corrective actions for unacceptable performance by the laboratories and establish an integrated, consistent system for evaluation of laboratory performance across the DOE Complex.

The IPEP has conducted two pilot studies to implement and evaluate its procedures and protocols, one with the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and the other with the Management and Operations contractor organizations under the DOE Albuquerque Operations Office. These pilot studies have provided the IPEP developers with an opportunity to test the feasibility of the proposed operating mechanisms and allowed the eventual users of the reports to have direct input about the report formats, technical content, and other user needs during the developmental stage of these reports.

With the issuance of a memorandum of July 22, 1997, EM has formally documented that IPEP will collect and publish performance evaluation data from the various PE programs, and has also requested that Assistant Managers for Environmental Management at the various DOE Operations Offices collect information about the laboratories they are using and provide that information to IPEP, in order to move the IPEP into the implementation phase. To date, IPEP has received partial information from the Albuquerque, Idaho, and Oak Ridge Operations Offices. The IPEP is in the process of producing reports on performance in the current studies of the PE programs. In addition to preparing the various hardcopy reports, the IPEP is developing electronic versions of the reports to test means of expediting dissemination of the information to the end users.

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