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ALL AGREEMENT STATES
MINNESOTA, OKLAHOMA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT INFORMATION: DISCUSSION OF FURTHER ACTIONS ON
FORMERLY NRC-LICENSED SITES (STP-00-072)**

I am writing to discuss further actions which may be needed to resolve remaining formerly NRC-licensed sites in Agreement States.

As background, I have attached a listing of Commission SECY Papers and Staff Requirements Memoranda which summarize activities and actions taken over the past several years to address funding and regulatory jurisdiction issues associated with final closure of remaining formerly NRC-licensed sites in Agreement States. These documents are available on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/index.html>. With respect to funding, NRC has included in its FY 2001 budget, a request for \$1.65M to assist Agreement States in conducting remaining file reviews, initial site surveys, site characterization and remediation, if necessary. Funding would be handled through a grant program, as described in SECY-99-193.

Upon approval of NRC's budget request, and with initiation of FY 2001, we will be prepared to accept funding requests from Agreement States having remaining formerly NRC-licensed sites. As you know, we also included a request for funding in our budget to cover past activities of Agreement States in closing out sites in their States. Such retroactive funding, which would have required a change in NRC's legislative authority, was not accepted during Congressional Committee review and, thus will not be possible in FY 2001.

To assist in the next steps in this effort, we plan to schedule a conference call with each of the following 11 Agreement States with remaining formerly NRC-licensed sites to discuss the status of sites in the individual States and actions that are needed to bring these sites to closure. The 11 Agreement States are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, New York, South Carolina and Texas. We appreciate your assistance and will be in touch with the above Agreement States over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below.

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**List of SECY Papers and Staff Requirements Memoranda
on Formerly NRC-Licensed Site Issues**

1. Staff Requirements Memorandum - SECY-97-188 - Formerly Licensed Sites Identified for Further Investigation in Agreement States dated 11/7/97

SECY-97-188 - dated 8/18/97
2. Staff Requirements Memorandum - SECY-98-011 - Potential Funding Assistance for Agreement States for Closure of Formerly Terminated NRC Licenses dated 3/3/98

SECY-98-011 - dated 1/22/98
3. Staff Requirements Memorandum - SECY-98-273 - Potential Funding Assistance for Agreement States for Closure of Formerly Terminated NRC Licenses dated 3/15/99

SECY-98-273 - dated 11/20/98
4. Staff Requirements Memorandum - SECY-99-193 - Cost Estimates for Completion of Formerly Terminated NRC Licensed Sites Program dated 8/25/99

SECY-99-193 - dated 7/26/99
5. Staff Requirements Memorandum - SECY-99-278 - NRC/Agreement State Jurisdiction for Formerly Licensed Sites dated 2/4/00

SECY-99-278 - dated 12/2/99