

February 20, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco  
Acting Governor of New Jersey  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0001

Dear Acting Governor DiFrancesco:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors' Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as liaison to NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers to provide a communication channel between the States and the NRC, to be the key person in the State to keep the Governor completely informed on nuclear regulatory and related public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with answers to questions posed to the States on particular issues.

Governor Whitman had previously appointed Commissioner Robert C. Shinn, Jr., Department of Environmental Protection, as New Jersey's State Liaison Officer. Commissioner Shinn has designated Dr. Jill Lipoti, Assistant Director for Radiation Protection Programs, as Deputy State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Commissioner Shinn and Dr. Lipoti, and, unless you choose a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Commissioner Shinn and Dr. Lipoti. At the same time, we will maintain our ties with various individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships on specific issues.

The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of New Jersey in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. If you or your staff have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Bores, our Region I State Liaison Officer, at 610-337-5213.

I am looking forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

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cc: Robert C. Shinn, Jr.  
Dr. Jill Lipoti