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Office of State & Tribal Programs
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Attn: Mr. Kevin Hsueh

Re: State Agreements Program Letter, STP-01-068
Termination of Uranium Milling Licenses in Agreement States

Dear Mr. Hsueh:

The Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety (Department) hereby provides comments requested in the above identified Agreement States Letter. The State Agreements Program letter provides a draft revision of Procedure SA-900 that describes the review process the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) uses for making the determination that all applicable standards and requirements have been met prior to Agreement State Uranium Milling license termination.

The revised draft of Procedure SA-900 is greatly improved from earlier versions. Guidance to Agreement States has been expanded, and more appropriate appendices are provided depicting the level of detailed information expected in a Completion Review Report.

The Department concurs with NRC that a Completion Review Report documents, *in summary form*, the State's bases for its conclusion that all applicable standards and requirements have been met, we also agree that the intent of the NRC's review team is *not to duplicate* the State's review or conduct an independent detailed technical review of the proposed license termination.

In Appendix A, page A-7, under step 3: Termination of the Specific License, item 4 should include an additional sentence defining documentation similar to the information provided in items 3 and 7 in that section.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me or Gary McCandless at (217) 785-9947 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph G. Klinger". The signature is fluid and written in dark ink.

Joseph G. Klinger, Chief
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