

April 24, 2002

The Honorable Rod Paige
Secretary of Education
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In response to your letter of April 5, 2002, concerning the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHI/HBCUs), I am pleased to inform you that Ms. Irene P. Little, Director of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of Small Business and Civil Rights, will serve as NRC's liaison to the WHI/HBCU Advisory Board and the Initiative. Ms. Little can be reached by telephone at 301-415-7380 or by e-mail at IPL@nrc.gov. As you requested, I have also informed Ambassador Spearman of Ms. Little's designation as NRC's representative to the WHI/HBCUs.

The Commission supports the objectives of Executive Order 13256 and is pleased to participate in this White House Initiative.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ambassador Leonard Spearman