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**CONSOLIDATION OF NRC REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE AND NUCLEAR MATERIALS
PROGRAMS (STP-03-049)**

This is to inform you that the Commission has directed the staff to consolidate portions of NRC's regional fuel cycle and nuclear materials programs. Specifically oversight of fuel cycle inspection activities will be consolidated within NRC's Region II Office, located in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Region II nuclear materials program will be consolidated within NRC's Region I Office, located in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. As a result of the consolidation, Region II will be responsible for conducting fuel cycle inspection activities nationwide (except for inspections of criticality safety analyses and material control and accountability, which will remain in Headquarters, and inspections of uranium mills). Also, Region I will assume regulatory responsibility including, licensing, inspection, enforcement and allegation follow up for the approximately 800 NRC materials licensees that are currently overseen by Region II. At this time, State interfaces with the NRC will remain the same. You will be promptly notified if any changes occur as a result of this consolidation.

Details on program changes associated with the consolidation are being developed and will be communicated to you prior to implementation. The NRC staff will strive to make the realignment occur with minimal impact to the States, NRC licensees, and other stakeholders. The consolidation is expected to be effective by October 1, 2003. An announcement is also expected to be made to NRC licensees and external stakeholders in the near future.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below.

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