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Request for Agreement to be Established Between
NRC and the State of Minnesota

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July 6, 2004

Nils J. Diaz, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing to formally request that an agreement be established between the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Minnesota as authorized under Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Minnesota Statutes Section 144.1202. Under this agreement the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission will discontinue certain regulatory authority for radioactive materials now under federal jurisdiction and that authority will be assumed by the State of Minnesota. As provided by Minnesota Statutes Section 144.1202, subd. 2, the Department of Health is the agency responsible for the implementation of the agreement. The specific authority requested is for the following:

- A. Any radioactive material (except special nuclear material) yielded in or made radioactive by exposure to the radiation incident to the process of producing or utilizing special nuclear material (i.e., byproduct materials as defined in Section 11e(1) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended)
- B. Source materials
- C. Special nuclear materials in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass

I certify that the State of Minnesota wants to assume regulatory authority and oversight responsibility for such materials, and that the State of Minnesota has an adequate program for the control of radiation hazards covered by this proposed agreement. Enclosed are volumes 1 through 4 of the formal application, which contain a copy of the radioactive materials rules and describe Minnesota's radiation control program as well as its regulatory capabilities.

Your expeditious consideration of this proposed agreement is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

cc: Dianne Mandernach, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health
Michael Campion, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
Patricia Bloomgren, Director, Environmental Health Division