

November 7, 2005

The Honorable George V. Voinovich, Chairman
Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change,
and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has successfully completed its review of a proposed Agreement between the State of Minnesota and the NRC. Under this Agreement, the NRC would relinquish its jurisdiction over certain nuclear materials pursuant to Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed Agreement and is publishing it in the *Federal Register* for a 30-day public comment period. A copy of the *Federal Register* notice is included for your use. At the conclusion of the public comment period, NRC staff will consider all comments and may amend the proposed Agreement.

Assuming satisfactory resolution of any issues which arise during the comment period, the conclusion of the process would involve joint signatures by myself and Governor Tim Pawlenty on behalf of the State of Minnesota.

We will inform you when the Commission has completed its consideration of the proposed Agreement.

Sincerely,

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Nils J. Diaz

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Senator Thomas R. Carper

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