

February 3, 2006

The Honorable Tim Pawlenty
Governor of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Pawlenty:

I am pleased to inform you that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved your request for an Agreement under which the NRC will discontinue and the State of Minnesota will assume regulatory authority over the acquisition, possession, use, transfer, and disposal of certain byproduct material, source material and special nuclear material in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass.

Enclosed are three formal copies of the Agreement for your signature. After signature, one copy should be retained by your office, and the other two copies should be mailed to Janet R. Schlueter, Director, Office of State and Tribal Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

We are pleased with your interest in participating in the Agreement State Program and look forward to the continued excellent relationship we have enjoyed with the State of Minnesota in the past.

Sincerely,

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Nils J. Diaz

Enclosures: As stated