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Mr. Barbara Hamrick, Chair
Organization of Agreement States, Inc.
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I am writing to inform you of a most important matter. Last Friday, the Commission approved a reorganization of the Offices of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) and State and Tribal Programs (STP) resulting in two new Offices. Specifically, that portion of NMSS associated with the materials program will be merged with STP to become the new Office of National Materials Program (ONMP). The remaining portion of NMSS that focuses on nuclear fuel, safe storage, transportation and high level waste will remain in NMSS and retain that office's title. The resulting functional alignment will provide for more effective organizational focus on two major program areas. These are the nation's evolving energy and fuel cycle strategy to support the increased demand for nuclear power generation capacity, and the increasing number and contribution of the Agreement States in the regulation of radioactive materials nationwide.

As proposed, the new ONMP will better reflect and help strengthen the role of the Agreement States in the national materials program by merging functions and resources that currently reside in STP and NMSS. This realignment also elevates the visibility of State and Tribal programs to a major program office level. We expect the reorganization to be effective in October 2006 and are in the early stages of developing a detailed plan to help ensure a smooth transition of the Commission decision.

We firmly believe that this reorganization will better position the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to meet the changing external environment. We remain committed to ensuring that, while organizational changes are occurring, we will continue to closely coordinate with your organization and its members to ensure our focus remains on the national materials program.

Finally, I am also informing Mr. Pearce O'Kelley, Chair, Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors by letter of the reorganization recent decision.

Sincerely,

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