

July 10, 2012

The Honorable Dewey Philip Bryant
Governor of Mississippi
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Governor Bryant:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I extend our congratulations to the State of Mississippi on its 50th year anniversary of becoming an Agreement State. On May 28, 1962, the Honorable Ross Barnett, (then) Governor entered into an agreement with the Atomic Energy Commission to assume regulatory responsibility for certain radioactive materials under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Agreement). This made Mississippi the second State to become an "Agreement State" effective July 1, 1962.

We commend the State on its successful efforts throughout the years in regulating the safe use of radioactive materials thereby protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Mississippi and the environment, from potential hazards or unintended exposures from licensed activities, as was committed to in the Agreement. We encourage your continued support of the important services provided by the Agreement State program.

We wish you continued success in these efforts and look forward to our agencies continuing to work cooperatively in the future. Please extend our congratulations to the staff and management of the Division of Radiological Health.

Sincerely,

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Allison M. Macfarlane

cc: B. J. Smith