

December 7, 2012

The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Perry:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I extend our congratulations to the State of Texas on its 50th year anniversary of becoming an Agreement State. On January 10, 1963 (then) Governor Price Daniel, 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 Texas the fifth State to become an "Agreement State" effective March 1, 1963.

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 Texas 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 Texas Department of State Health Services, Division of Regulatory Services, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Radioactive Materials Division.

Sincerely,

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