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SUBJECT: Support for the Web Based Licensing System

Dear Mr. Cox:

Thank you for your letter dated November 19, 2013, regarding the continued funding of the Web Based Licensing System (WBL). We are pleased to see that the system is as beneficial to North Carolina as it is the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The adoption and enhancement of this system by your program is the type of collaborative effort that exemplifies the regulatory partnership between the NRC and the Agreement States.

The WBL has many benefits at the State and national level, and the NRC is committed to the continued development and maintenance of the system. The WBL has many benefits to the national materials program and we will continue to encourage more States to use the system. While the key objectives associated with the vision for the Integrated Source Management Portfolio (ISMP) have been accomplished, we will continue to work toward a system that supports a comprehensive national licensing program.

The NRC uses WBL for tracking license and inspection information, and for the repository for the Agreement State licenses that are used by the License Verification System. The NRC is fully vested in the system from a process and procedure standpoint for both licensing and inspection.

There are several States, including North Carolina that are vested in the locally installed version of WBL's predecessor, the License Tracking System (LTS). We are working on a distributed version of WBL for those States, which they can install in their environment as they have done with LTS. The update will come with scripts that will migrate the data, and we will have technical support available to ensure each State can transition as seamlessly as possible.

We will not be creating a distributed version for every release of WBL. Some releases will only impact NRC users, where we are adding components for other offices in NRC, and some will contain security upgrades that are required for external web applications. Since the cost and

effort is high for packaging and testing each distributed version produced, we will ensure that we coordinate with the WBL Change Control Board to determine which releases are most beneficial for States, and will package those select releases for distribution. If a State is interested in having the most up-to-date version, it is advisable for them to use the online NRC hosted version.

I want to re-emphasize that the NRC is fully committed to the completion of WBL and the Portfolio and to make these systems available to the States for their use.

If you need further information, please contact Angela Randall, Project Manager for WBL and LVS, of my staff at angela.randall@nrc.gov or (301) 415-6806.

Sincerely,

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