

August 25, 2014

The Honorable Nathan Deal
Governor of Georgia
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Deal:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am notifying you of the Commission's decision to end the Probation period for the Georgia Agreement State Program (the Georgia Program).

The NRC's most recent review of the Georgia Program found that the actions taken to implement your "Program Improvement Plan" to address previously identified weaknesses have resulted in significant performance improvements. Additionally, our review found significant improvement in staff and management communications due to the appointment of a new program manager and weekly staff and management meetings. The NRC staff will continue to hold bimonthly calls with the Georgia Program to monitor the progress of the actions committed to in the Program Improvement Plan and will schedule a review of the Georgia Program in approximately 2 years.

The Commission is ready to assist the State of Georgia in continuing to improve its Agreement State program. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have, or your staff may contact Mr. Brian E. Holian, Acting Director, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, at 301-415-7197.

Sincerely,

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