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March 26, 2003

The Honorable Robert Riley
Governor of Alabama
Birmingham, Alabama 36130-2751

Dear Governor Riley:

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Governor Siegelman previously had appointed Kirksey E. Whatley, Director, Office of Radiation Control, Department of Public Health, as Alabama's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Whatley, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Whatley. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Alabama in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Trojanowski, our Region II State Liaison Officer, at 404-562-4427. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Alabama.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Kirksey E. Whatley
Robert Trojanowski

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Frank Murkowski
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Murkowski:

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Governor Knowles previously had appointed Douglas Dasher, Department of Environmental Conservation, as Alaska's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Dasher, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Dasher. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Douglas Dasher
William Maier

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The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Governor of Arizona
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Napolitano:

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Governor Hull previously had appointed Aubrey Godwin, Director, Radiation Regulatory Agency, as Arizona's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Godwin, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Godwin. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Aubrey Godwin
William Maier

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The Honorable Mike Huckabee
Governor of Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Governor Huckabee:

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The NRC will continue to work with Bernard Bevill, Division of Radiation Control and Emergency Management, Arkansas Department of Health, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Bevill. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Bernard Bevill
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

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The NRC will continue to work with James D. Boyd, Commissioner, California Energy Commission, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Commissioner Boyd. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Commissioner James D. Boyd
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Bill Owens
Governor of Colorado
Denver, Colorado 80203-1792

Dear Governor Owens:

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The NRC will continue to work with Eugene W. Potter, Program Manager, Laboratory and Radiation Services Division, Department of Public Health and Environment, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Potter. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Eugene W. Potter
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable John Rowland
Governor of Connecticut
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Rowland:

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The NRC will continue to work with Dr. Edward L. Wilds, Jr., Director, Division of Radiation, Department of Environmental Protection, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Dr. Wilds. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Dr. Edward L. Wilds, Jr.
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner
Governor of Delaware
Dover, Delaware 19901

Dear Governor Minner:

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The NRC will continue to work with Harry W. Otto, Ph.D., Division of Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Dr. Otto. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Harry W. Otto, Ph.D.
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Jeb Bush
Governor of Florida
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Bush:

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The NRC will continue to work with William A. Passetti, Chief, Bureau of Radiation Control, Department of Health, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Passetti. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: William A. Passetti
Robert Trojanowski

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Governor of Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Perdue:

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Governor Barnes previously had appointed James Setser, Chief, Program Coordination Branch, Environmental Protection Division, Department of Natural Resources, as Georgia's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Setser, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Setser. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Georgia in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Trojanowski, our Region II State Liaison Officer, at 404-562-4427. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: James Setser
Robert Trojanowski

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Linda Lingle
Governor of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Lingle:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

Governor Cayetano previously had appointed, Jerry Y. Haruno, Administrator, Environmental Health Services Division, Department of Health, as Hawaii's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Haruno, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Haruno. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

We ask that your appointed State Liaison Officer continue to serve as the primary recipient for sensitive unclassified information including safeguards information from NRC. We also ask that the State Liaison Officer serve as the primary individual responsible within your State for sharing such information with other designated State officials, for ensuring that recipients of such information have a "need to know," and for implementing the appropriate measures for storing and protecting the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Hawaii in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Jerry Y. Haruno
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne
Governor of Idaho
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Governor Kempthorne:

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The NRC will continue to work with Douglas Walker, Senior Health Physicist, INEEL Oversight Program, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Walker. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Idaho in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Idaho.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Douglas Walker
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Rod Blagojevich
Governor of Illinois
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Blagojevich:

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The NRC will continue to work with Gary N. Wright, Director, Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Wright. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Illinois in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Roland Lickus, our Region III State Liaison Officer, at 630-829-9660. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Illinois.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Gary N. Wright
Roland Lickus

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Frank O'Bannon
Governor of Indiana
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Governor O'Bannon:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

The NRC will continue to work with Howard E. Cundiff, Director, Consumer Protection, Indiana State Department of Health, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Cundiff. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Indiana in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Roland Lickus, our Region III State Liaison Officer, at 630-829-9660. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Indiana.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Howard W. Cundiff
Roland Lickus

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Thomas Vilsack
Governor of Iowa
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0001

Dear Governor Vilsack:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

The NRC will continue to work with Daniel K. McGhee, Bureau of Radiological Health, Iowa Department of Public Health, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. McGhee. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Daniel K. McGhee
Roland Lickus

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Governor of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1590

Dear Governor Sebelius:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

Governor Graves previously had appointed Victor L. Cooper, Section Chief, Air Operating Permit & Compliance Section, Bureau of Air and Radiation, Department of Health and Environment, as Kansas' State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Cooper, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Cooper. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Kansas in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Kansas.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Victor L. Cooper
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Paul Patton
Governor of Kentucky
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Patton:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

The NRC will continue to work with Robert L. Johnson, Manager, Radiation Health & Toxic Agents Branch, Cabinet for Health Services, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Johnson. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Trojanowski, our Region II State Liaison Officer, at 404-562-4427. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Robert L. Johnson
Robert Trojanowski

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Mike Foster, Jr.
Governor of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9004

Dear Governor Foster:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

The NRC will continue to work with Michael E. Henry, Permitting Division, Office of Environmental Services, Department of Environmental Quality, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Henry. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Louisiana in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Louisiana.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Michael E. Henry
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable John E. Baldacci
Governor of Maine
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Baldacci:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

Governor King previously had appointed W. Clough Toppan, Director, Division of Health Engineering, Department of Human Services, as Maine's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Toppan, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Toppan. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Maine in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Bores, our Region I State Liaison Officer, at 610-337-5213. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Maine.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: W. Clough Toppan
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Robert Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Ehrlich:

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Governor Glendening previously had appointed Ann Marie DeBiase, Director, Air and Radiation Management Administration, Department of the Environment, as Maryland's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Ms. DeBiase, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Ms. DeBiase. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

We ask that your appointed State Liaison Officer continue to serve as the primary recipient for sensitive unclassified information including safeguards information from NRC. We also ask that the State Liaison Officer serve as the primary individual responsible within your State for sharing such information with other designated State officials, for ensuring that recipients of such information have a "need to know," and for implementing the appropriate measures for storing and protecting the information from unauthorized disclosure.

On occasion, NRC's Director of the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response will provide information directly to your State Homeland Security Advisor. Therefore, we also would ask that you provide the NRC with the name of this individual. In these cases, we will also provide a copy of the information to your State Liaison Officer. In addition, if we receive threat

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information involving nuclear facilities in your State, we will communicate that information to both your State Homeland Security Advisor and State Liaison Officer. Once we receive your designations, NRC staff will work with your State Liaison Officer and your State Homeland Security Advisor to request additional information including: 24-hour State contacts; an individual authorized to handle classified information; and a facility or facilities in the State having secure communications equipment.

The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Maryland in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Bores, our Region I State Liaison Officer, at 610-337-5213. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Ann Marie DeBiase
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Mitt Romney
Governor of Massachusetts
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Governor Romney:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

Governor Swift previously had appointed Stephen McGrail, Director, Emergency Management Agency, as Massachusetts' State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. McGrail, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. McGrail. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Bores, our Region I State Liaison Officer, at 610-337-5213. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Stephen McGrail
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Governor of Michigan
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Governor Granholm:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

Governor Engler previously had appointed Liane Shekter Smith, Chief, Hazardous Waste and Radiological Protection Section, Waste and Hazardous Materials Section, Department of Environmental Quality, as Michigan's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Ms. Smith, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Ms. Smith. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Michigan in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Roland Lickus, our Region III State Liaison Officer, at 630-829-9660. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Liane Shekter Smith
Roland Lickus

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Tim Pawlenty
Governor of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Pawlenty:

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The NRC will continue to work with Dianne Mandernach, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Commissioner Mandernach. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Minnesota in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Roland Lickus, our Region III State Liaison Officer, at 630-829-9660. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Commissioner Dianne Mandernach
Roland Lickus

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Ronnie Musgrove
Governor of Mississippi
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Governor Musgrove:

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The NRC will continue to work with Robert W. Goff, Director, Division of Radiological Health, State Department of Health, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Goff. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Mississippi in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Trojanowski, our Region II State Liaison Officer, at 404-562-4427. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Robert W. Goff
Robert Trojanowski

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Bob Holden
Governor of Missouri
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Governor Holden:

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The NRC will continue to work with Ron Kucera, Deputy Director for Policy, Department of Natural Resources, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Kucera. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Missouri in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Roland Lickus, our Region III State Liaison Officer, at 630-829-9660. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Missouri.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Ron Kucera
Roland Lickus

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Judy Martz
Governor of Montana
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Governor Martz:

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The NRC will continue to work with Roy Kemp, Chief, Licensure Bureau, Quality Assurance Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Kemp. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Montana in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Montana.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Roy Kemp
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Mike Johanns
Governor of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4848

Dear Governor Johanns:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

The NRC will continue to work with Robert E. Leopold, Administrator, Public Health Assurance Division, Department of Regulation & Licensure, Nebraska Health and Human Services Systems, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Leopold. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Nebraska in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Robert E. Leopold
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Kenny Guinn
Governor of Nevada
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Governor Guinn:

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The NRC will continue to work with Robert R. Loux, Executive Director, Agency for Nuclear Projects, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Loux. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Nevada in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Nevada.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Robert R. Loux
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Craig Benson
Governor of New Hampshire
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Governor Benson:

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Governor Shaheen previously had appointed Donald P. Bliss, Director, Department of Safety, Division of Fire Safety & Emergency Management, Office of Emergency Management, as New Hampshire's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Bliss, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Bliss. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of New Hampshire in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Bores, our Region I State Liaison Officer, at 610-337-5213. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Donald P. Bliss
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable James McGreevey
Governor of New Jersey
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor McGreevey:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

The NRC will continue to work with Bradley M. Campbell, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Commissioner Campbell. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87300

Dear Governor Richardson:

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Governor Johnson previously had appointed Cecilia Williams, Chief, Radiation Control Bureau, Field Operations Division, Department of Environment, as New Mexico's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Ms. Williams, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Ms. Williams. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of New Mexico in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Cecilia Williams
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable George Pataki
Governor of New York
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Pataki:

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The NRC will continue to work with Peter Smith, Acting President, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Smith. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of New York in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Bores, our Region I State Liaison Officer, at 610-337-5213. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of New York.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Peter Smith
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Michael Easley
Governor of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0301

Dear Governor Easley:

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The NRC will continue to work with Beverly O. Hall, Chief, Division of Radiation Protection, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Ms. Hall. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of North Carolina in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Trojanowski, our Region II State Liaison Officer, at 404-562-4427. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Beverly O. Hall
Robert Trojanowski

March 26, 2003

The Honorable John Hoeven
Governor of North Dakota
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0001

Dear Governor Hoeven:

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The NRC will continue to work with Terry L. O'Clair, Director, Division of Air Quality, North Dakota Department of Health, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. O'Clair. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of North Dakota in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Terry L. O'Clair
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Bob Taft
Governor of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6117

Dear Governor Taft:

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The NRC will continue to work with Carol O'Claire, Supervisor, Radiological Branch, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Ms. O'Claire. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the NRC has taken actions to enhance security at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. In that regard, we have increased our communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. State Liaison Officers' responsibilities have changed and are continuing to evolve. Moreover, there is an increased need to ensure that other State officials with a "need to know" (e.g., State Homeland Security Advisors) have access to information that may be classified or sensitive unclassified which includes safeguards information. State Liaison Officers also need to exercise the appropriate precautions to protect the information from unauthorized disclosure.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Ohio in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Roland Lickus, our Region III State Liaison Officer, at 630-829-9660. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Ohio.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Carol O'Claire
Roland Lickus

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Brad Henry
Governor of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Governor Henry:

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Governor Keating previously had appointed Mike Broderick, Environmental Program Administrator, Radiation Management Section, Department of Environmental Quality, as Oklahoma's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Broderick, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Broderick. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Oklahoma in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Mike Broderick
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Ted Kulongoski
Governor of Oregon
Salem, Oregon 97301-4047

Dear Governor Kulongoski:

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Governor Kitzhaber previously had appointed David Stewart-Smith, Administrator, Energy Resources Division, Office of Energy, as Oregon's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Stewart-Smith, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Stewart-Smith. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Oregon in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Oregon.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: David Stewart-Smith
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Edward Rendell
Governor of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

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Governor Schweiker previously had appointed David J. Allard, Director, Bureau of Radiation Protection, Department of Environmental Protection, as Pennsylvania's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Allard, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Allard. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: David J. Allard
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Sila Calderon
Governor of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00902-0082

Dear Governor Calderon:

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The NRC will continue to work with Esteban Mujica, Chairman, Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Mujica. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Trojanowski, our Region II State Liaison Officer, at 404-562-4427. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Esteban Mujica
Robert Trojanowski

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Don Carcieri
Governor of Rhode Island
Providence, Rhode Island 02903-1196

Dear Governor Carcieri:

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Governor Almond previously had appointed Peter Todd, Emergency Management Agency, as Rhode Island's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Todd, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Todd. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Peter Todd
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Mark Sanford
Governor of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Governor Sanford:

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Governor Hodges previously had appointed Henry Porter, Assistant Director, Division of Waste Management, Bureau of Land and Waste Management, Department of Health and Environmental Control, as South Carolina's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Porter, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Porter. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Henry Porter
Robert Trojanowski

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Mike Rounds
Governor of South Dakota
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Governor Rounds:

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Governor Janklow previously had appointed Bob McDonald, Environmental Project Scientist, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Ground Water Quality Program, as South Dakota's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. McDonald, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. McDonald. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of South Dakota in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of South Dakota.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Bob McDonald
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Phil Bredesen
Governor of Tennessee
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0001

Dear Governor Bredesen:

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Governor Sundquist previously had appointed L. Edward Nanney, Director, Division of Radiological Health, Department of Environment and Conservation, as Tennessee's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Nanney, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Nanney. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Tennessee in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Trojanowski, our Region II State Liaison Officer, at 404-562-4427. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of South Dakota.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: L. Edward Nanney
Robert Trojanowski

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Perry:

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The NRC will continue to work with Roger Mulder, State Energy Conservation Office, Comptroller of Public Accounts, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Mulder. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Texas in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or William Maier, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Roger Mulder
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Michael Leavitt
Governor of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Governor Leavitt:

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The NRC will continue to work with William J. Sinclair, Director, Division of Radiation Control, Department of Environmental Quality, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Sinclair. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: William J. Sinclair
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable James H. Douglas
Governor of Vermont
Montpelier, Vermont 05609

Dear Governor Douglas:

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Governor Dean previously had appointed David O'Brien, Commissioner of Public Service, as Vermont's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. O'Brien, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Commissioner O'Brien. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Commissioner David O'Brien
Robert Bores

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Mark Warner
Governor of Virginia
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor Warner:

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The NRC will continue to work with Arthur S. Warren, Chief, Radiological Planning, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Warren. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the Commonwealth of Virginia in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. We would appreciate your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Trojanowski, our Region II State Liaison Officer, at 404-562-4427. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Arthur S. Warren
Robert Trojanowski

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Gary Locke
Governor of Washington
Olympia, Washington 98504-0002

Dear Governor Locke:

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The NRC will continue to work with Bob Nichols, Natural Resources Assistant, Executive Policy Division, Office of the Governor, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Nichols. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Meserve

cc: Bob Nichols
William Maier

March 26, 2003

The Honorable Bob Wise
Governor of West Virginia
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0370

Dear Governor Wise:

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The NRC will continue to work with Dan Hill, Chief, Radiological Health Program, Office of Environmental Health Services, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Hill. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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cc: Dan Hill
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Madison, Wisconsin 53702

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Governor McCallum previously had appointed Edward J. Gleason, Administrator, Division of Emergency Management, as Wisconsin's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Gleason, and, unless you designate a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Gleason. At the same time, we also will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Edward J. Gleason
Roland Lickus

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The Honorable Dave Freudenthal
Governor of Wyoming
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

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May 28, 2004

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Governor of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2751

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In light of the events of September 11, 2001, NRC's April 30, 2003 Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-08, Protection of Safeguards Information from Unauthorized Disclosure (Enclosure 1), was provided to all SLOs and Agreement State RCPDs in States with large panoramic and underwater irradiators. The RIS contains a Summary of SGI Requirements, which highlights the importance of protecting SGI from inadvertent release and unauthorized disclosure. It further explains individual responsibilities regarding the protection of SGI and addresses penalties for inadequate protection and unauthorized disclosure. Enclosure 2 contains additional detailed information about SGI handling and protection requirements, including (1) sharing SGI with those who, by reason of position, have a need-to-know; (2) protection while in use or storage; (3) preparation and marking; (4) external transmission; (5) reproduction and destruction; and (6) criminal and civil sanctions. Enclosure 3 lists documents containing SGI that have been transmitted to Governors, or Governor-appointed SLOs, RCPDs, SHSAs, and State Transportation Contacts since September 11, 2001. Enclosure 4 contains guidance on NRC's No Comment Policy for Classified and Safeguards Information.

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Sincerely,

/RA/
Nils J. Diaz

Enclosures:

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2. Safeguards Information Protection Requirements
3. List of Documents Containing SGI
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cc w/Enclosures: Kirksey E. Whatley, State Liaison Officer and
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The Honorable Togiola Tulafono
Governor of American Samoa
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

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Governor of Arizona
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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May 28, 2004

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Governor of Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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Governor of Colorado
Denver, Colorado 80203-1792

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May 28, 2004

The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner
Governor of Delaware
Dover, Delaware 19901

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Governor of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

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Governor of Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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May 28, 2004

The Honorable Feliz Camacho
Governor of Guam
Hagatna, Guam 96932

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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May 28, 2004

The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne
Governor of Idaho
Boise, Idaho 83702

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May 28, 2004

The Honorable Rod Blagojevich
Governor of Illinois
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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May 28, 2004

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Governor of Iowa
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0001

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Paul H. Lohaus, Office of State and Tribal Programs

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May 28, 2004

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Governor of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1590

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May 28, 2004

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Governor of Maine
Augusta, Maine 04333

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May 28, 2004

The Honorable Mitt Romney
Governor of Massachusetts
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

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Lansing, Michigan 48909

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May 28, 2004

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Governor of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

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May 28, 2004

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Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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Helena, Montana 59620

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May 28, 2004

The Honorable Kenny Guinn
Governor of Nevada
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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Governor of New Hampshire
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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The Honorable James McGreevey
Governor of New Jersey
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

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Governor of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87300

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Governor of New York
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May 28, 2004

The Honorable Michael Easley
Governor of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0301

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Governor of North Dakota
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0001

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May 28, 2004

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Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands
Saipan, MP 96950

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May 28, 2004

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Salem, Oregon 97301-4047

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The Honorable Edward Rendell
Governor of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

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Governor of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00902-0082

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Governor of Rhode Island
Providence, Rhode Island 02903-1196

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Governor of South Dakota
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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May 28, 2004

The Honorable Olene S. Walker
Governor of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

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Governor of Virgin Islands
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

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Governor of Washington
Olympia, Washington 98504-0002

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May 28, 2004

The Honorable Bob Wise
Governor of West Virginia
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0370

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2. Safeguards Information Protection Requirements
3. List of Documents Containing SGI
4. No Comment Policy for Classified and Safeguards Information

cc w/Enclosures: Edward J. Gleason, State Liaison Officer and
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May 28, 2004

The Honorable Dave Freudenthal
Governor of Wyoming
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Governor Freudenthal:

On behalf of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing to inform you of our process for the distribution of security and other NRC information to State contacts, of a recent release of NRC Safeguards Information (SGI), and of the requirements for protecting SGI. I am also requesting your assistance in re-emphasizing the importance of protecting SGI from inadvertent release and unauthorized disclosure.

In 1976, the NRC adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. Former NRC Chairman Richard Meserve sent a March 26, 2003 letter to Governors requesting State contact information. This letter noted that the NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer (SLO) to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. The SLO serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under NRC jurisdiction, including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological public health and safety matters, and to provide State information to the NRC on particular nuclear safety, security, and environmental issues. The NRC will continue to work with SLOs; however, because of their responsibility for homeland security activities in the States, State Homeland Security Advisors (SHSAs) will be provided certain NRC security information, in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security. This will help ensure that the SHSA has knowledge of and access to this information and can share such information with other authorized State officials on a need-to-know basis. Other authorized State officials, such as the SLOs and Radiation Control Program Directors (RCPDs), will also continue to receive certain security-related information directly from NRC based on a need-to-know determination. The SLOs and RCPDs can contact their SHSAs if they believe they have a need for access to security information not provided directly to them by NRC.

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Exemption number: 5

Nuclear Regulatory Commission review required before public release.

Paul H. Lohaus, Office of State and Tribal Programs

Name and organization of person making determination.

Date of Determination: _____

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Regarding the recent discovery of a release of SGI, certain records, some of which contained NRC letters transmitting SGI, were placed into a State's archives after the change of administration following the 2002 elections. This information was identified to NRC by a journalist who was accessing the records during a routine search. Although NRC has confirmed that sensitive information in the publicly-accessible records in this instance is now secured, NRC's review of this incident has identified the root causes of the release, and the State has instituted corrective measures, with which the NRC agrees, to prevent or reduce recurrence.

Given this unfortunate situation, we respectfully ask that you review your existing process for sharing SGI with those who have a need-to-know to ensure that, when there is a change in administration or authorized State official, there is a transfer of knowledge regarding the custody and proper procedures for handling SGI. SGI is a special category of sensitive unclassified information authorized by Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to be protected. SGI is handled and protected more like classified National Security Information than like other sensitive unclassified information. The NRC, when necessary, provides SGI to authorized State officials who are deemed to have a need-to-know for official use, along with the requirements for handling and protecting this information.

In light of the events of September 11, 2001, NRC's April 30, 2003 Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-08, Protection of Safeguards Information from Unauthorized Disclosure (Enclosure 1), was provided to all SLOs and Agreement State RCPDs in States with large panoramic and underwater irradiators. The RIS contains a Summary of SGI Requirements, which highlights the importance of protecting SGI from inadvertent release and unauthorized disclosure. It further explains individual responsibilities regarding the protection of SGI and addresses penalties for inadequate protection and unauthorized disclosure. Enclosure 2 contains additional detailed information about SGI handling and protection requirements, including (1) sharing SGI with those who, by reason of position, have a need-to-know; (2) protection while in use or storage; (3) preparation and marking; (4) external transmission; (5) reproduction and destruction; and (6) criminal and civil sanctions. Enclosure 3 lists documents containing SGI that have been transmitted to Governors, or Governor-appointed SLOs, RCPDs, SHSAs, and State Transportation Contacts since September 11, 2001. Enclosure 4 contains guidance on NRC's No Comment Policy for Classified and Safeguards Information.

The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by your State in the NRC's SLO program. If you or your staff have any questions concerning this correspondence or wish to obtain additional information about the SLO program, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters by telephone at 301-415-3340 or by e-mail at phl@nrc.gov.

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For questions concerning the handling of SGI, please contact Bernard Stapleton, Safeguards Information Specialist, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, by telephone at 301-415-2432 or by e-mail at bws2@nrc.gov. I thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Wyoming.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Nils J. Diaz

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May 28, 2004 Letters to Current Governors Re SGI
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State Homeland Security Advisors, State Transportation Contacts/10 CFR Parts 71/73)

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Safeguards Information Protection Requirements

Authority

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2011 *et seq.* (Act), grants the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) broad and unique authority to prohibit the unauthorized disclosure of Safeguards Information upon a determination that the unauthorized disclosure of such information could reasonably be expected to have a significant adverse effect on the health and safety of the public or the common defense and security by significantly increasing the likelihood of theft, diversion, or sabotage of materials or facilities subject to NRC jurisdiction. Section 147 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2167.

In addition to the licensees subject to the Safeguards Information requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, and the types of information designated as Safeguards Information under those regulations, the Commission has authority under Section 147 to designate, by regulation or Order, other types of information as Safeguards Information. This authority extends to information concerning special nuclear material, source material, and byproduct material, as well as production and utilization facilities. The Commission also may, by Order, impose Safeguards Information handling requirements on these other licensees. All licensees and all other persons who now have, or in the future may have, access to Safeguards Information must comply with all applicable requirements delineated in regulations and Orders governing the handling and unauthorized disclosure of Safeguards Information.

Definition of Safeguards Information for Licensees and Any Other Persons Subject to Part 73 Requirements

Safeguards Information is defined by NRC regulation [Section 73.2 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR 73.2)] as follows:

Safeguards Information means information not otherwise classified as National Security Information or Restricted Data which specifically identifies a licensee's or applicant's detailed, (1) security measures for the physical protection of special nuclear material, or (2) security measures for the physical protection and location of certain plant equipment vital to the safety of production or utilization facilities.

In addition to the licensees subject to the Safeguards Information requirements of Part 73, and the types of information designated as Safeguards Information under those regulations, the Commission has authority under Section 147 of the AEA to designate, by regulation or Order, other types of information as Safeguards Information. For example, Section 147 allows the Commission to designate as Safeguards Information a licensee's or applicant's detailed:

- (1) Control and accounting procedures or security measures (including security plans, procedures, and equipment) for the physical protection of special nuclear material, by whomever possessed, whether in transit or at fixed sites, in quantities determined by the

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Commission to be significant to the public health and safety or common defense and security;

- (2) Security measures (including security plans, procedures and equipment) for the physical protection of source material or byproduct material, by whomever possessed, whether in transit or at fixed sites, in quantities determined by the Commission to be significant to the public health and safety or the common defense and security; or
- (3) Security measures (including security plans, procedures, and equipment) for the physical protection of and the location of certain plant equipment vital to the safety of production or utilization facilities involving nuclear materials covered by paragraphs (1) and (2)

if the unauthorized disclosure of such information could reasonably be expected to have a significant adverse effect on the health and safety of the public or the common defense and security by significantly increasing the likelihood of theft, diversion, or sabotage of such material or such facility.

Generally, definitions (1), (2), and (3) above are referred to by the acronym "SGI;" however, SGI for byproduct or source material subject to modified (from 10 CFR Part 73) handling requirements is also referred to as "Safeguards Information - Modified Handling" or SGI-M to distinguish its handling requirements and associated consequence levels. Information represented by both acronyms are considered Safeguards Information.

General Performance Requirement

Any person who produces, receives, or acquires SGI shall ensure that it is protected against unauthorized disclosure. To meet this requirement, licensees and persons shall establish and maintain an information protection system that includes the specific measures listed below. Information protection procedures employed by State and local police forces are deemed to meet these requirements.

Persons Subject to These Requirements

Any person, whether or not a licensee of the NRC, who produces, receives, or acquires SGI is subject to the requirements and sanctions as authorized by Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and are more fully described in 10 CFR 73.21 or by the NRC in the form of Orders. A State and its employees would fall under this requirement if they possess SGI. Individuals authorized access to SGI by the State and its employees should be informed as to the existence of regulatory requirements and the need for proper protection. (See additional information under Conditions for Access.)

State or local police units who have access to SGI also are subject to this requirement. However, these organizations are deemed in the requirements of 10 CFR 73.21 and relevant Orders to have adequate information protection systems. The conditions for transfer of

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information to a third party, i.e., need-to-know, would still apply to the police organization as would sanctions for unlawful disclosure.

Criminal and Civil Sanctions (Sections 223 and 234 of the Atomic Energy Act)

The Act explicitly provides that any person, "whether or not a licensee of the Commission, who violates any regulations adopted under this Section shall be subject to the civil monetary penalties of Section 234 of this Act." Section 147a of the Act. Furthermore, willful violation of any regulation or Order governing safeguards information is a felony subject to criminal penalties in the form of fines or imprisonment, or both. See Sections 147b and 223 of the Act.

Categories of Safeguards Information and Protection Levels

SGI is divided into two categories of protected information. Information defined by 10 CFR 73.21(a) applies primarily to special nuclear material (e.g., commercial nuclear reactor or transportation of irradiated fuel) and is designated as SGI. For byproduct material licensees under NRC regulation, the NRC issued Orders requiring specific security measures. This information was designated as Safeguards Information-Modified Handling (SGI-M). This information has been designated as SGI-M because unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to have a significant adverse effect on the health and safety of the public or the common defense and security by significantly increasing the likelihood of theft, diversion, or sabotage of materials. The designation of information as SGI-M refers to the marking used to denote modified protection requirements; however, the information is still SGI.

Differences in protection levels for SGI and SGI-M due to potential consequences of compromise are addressed below:

Conditions for Access

While there are no personnel security clearances required for access to SGI, a determination of trustworthiness and need-to-know are required for access to this information. The conditions for access are set forth below.

Need-to-Know

Need-to-know is defined as a determination by a person having responsibility for protecting SGI that a proposed recipient's access to SGI is necessary in the performance of official, contractual, or licensee duties of employment. A person in possession of SGI has discretionary authority in making these determinations. The recipient should be made aware that the information is sensitive, subject to NRC regulations and Orders as well as criminal and civil sanctions.

Occupational Groups

In lieu of a personnel security clearance program (such as that required by Government classified programs), dissemination of SGI is limited to members of certain occupational groups who have a need-to-know such information. These include:

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- (1) An employee, agent, or contractor of an applicant, a licensee, the Commission, or the United States Government;
- (2) A member of a duly authorized committee of the Congress;
- (3) The Governor of a State or his designated representative;
- (4) A representative of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) engaged in activities associated with the U.S./IAEA Safeguards Agreement who has been certified by the NRC;
- (5) A member of a State or local law enforcement authority that is responsible for responding to requests for assistance during safeguards emergencies; or
- (6) A person to whom disclosure is ordered pursuant to Section 2.744 of Part 2 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

NRC Orders relating to security measures for byproduct materials licensees have added a seventh occupational group to the list of individuals who can access SGI-M information:

- (7) State Radiation Control Program Directors (and State Homeland Security Directors) or their designees.

Generally, individuals are considered to be trustworthy by virtue of their employment status; however, background checks, for some of the above groups, are required to be performed by the employer in addition to verification of employment status. Nevertheless, some discretion should be exercised in granting access if there is any indication that the recipient would be unwilling or unable to provide proper protection for the SGI.

Protection While in Use or Storage

While in use, matter containing SGI shall be under the control of an authorized individual. This requirement is satisfied if the matter is attended by an authorized individual even though the information is in fact not constantly being used.

While unattended, SGI shall be stored in a locked security storage container as described in 10 CFR 73.2. Information containing SGI-M shall be stored in a locked file drawer or container.

Knowledge of lock combinations or access to keys, where applicable, protecting SGI shall be limited to a minimum number of personnel for operating purposes who have a "need-to-know" and are otherwise authorized access to SGI in accordance with the provisions of the regulations or an NRC Order. Access to lock combinations or keys shall be strictly controlled so as to prevent disclosure to an unauthorized individual.

Transmission/Transportation of Documents and Other Matter

Documents containing SGI when transmitted outside an authorized place of use or storage shall be enclosed in two sealed envelopes or wrappers to preclude disclosure of the presence of protected information. The inner envelope or wrapper shall contain the name and address of the intended recipient, and be marked, on top and bottom on both sides, with the words "**Safeguards Information**" or "**Safeguards Information-Modified Handling**" as appropriate. The outer envelope or wrapper must be addressed to the intended recipient, must contain the

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address of the sender, and must not bear any markings or indication that the document contains Safeguards Information.

SGI may be transported by messenger-courier, U.S. first class, registered, express, or certified mail, or by any individual authorized access pursuant to the regulations or an NRC Order. Individuals transporting SGI should retain the documents or other matter in their personal possession at all times or ensure that it is appropriately wrapped and also secured to preclude compromise by an unauthorized individual.

Except under emergency or extraordinary conditions, SGI shall be transmitted only by protected telecommunications circuits (including facsimile) approved by the NRC.

Marking of Documents

Each document that contains SGI should have on the face of the document (i) the name, title, and organization of the individual authorized to make a SGI determination, and who has determined that the document contains SGI, (ii) the date the document was originated or the determination made, (iii) an indication that the document contains SGI, and (iv) an indication that unauthorized disclosure would be subject to civil and criminal sanctions. Each page shall be marked in a conspicuous fashion denoting "**Safeguards Information**" or "**Safeguards Information-Modified Handling**."

Transmittal letters or memoranda which do not in themselves contain SGI should be marked to indicate that attachments or enclosures contain SGI.

In addition to the information required on the face of the document, each item of correspondence that contains SGI, should by marking or other means clearly indicate which portions (e.g., paragraphs, pages, or appendices) contain SGI and which do not. (Portion marking is not required for the specific items of information set forth in 10 CFR 73.21(b) other than guard qualification and training plans and correspondence to and from the NRC).

All documents or other matter in use or storage should be marked in accordance with the regulations or NRC Orders. A specific exception is provided for documents in the possession of contractors and agents of licensees that were produced more than one year prior to the effective date of the regulations or NRC Orders. Such documents need to be marked once they are removed from file drawers, containers, or security storage containers. The same exception would also apply to old documents stored away from the facility in central files or corporation headquarters.

Since information protection procedures employed by State and local police forces are deemed to meet NRC requirements, documents in the possession of these agencies need not be marked as set forth in this document.

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Reproduction of Matter Containing SGI

SGI may be reproduced to the minimum extent necessary consistent with need without permission of the originator.

Use of Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Systems

SGI may be processed or produced on an ADP system provided that the system is self-contained within the SGI holder's facility and requires the use of an entry code for access to stored information. An ADP system is defined here as a data processing system having the capability of long term storage of SGI. Word processors such as typewriters are not subject to the requirements as long as they do not transmit information off-site. The objective of these restrictions is to prevent access and retrieval of stored SGI by unauthorized individuals, particularly from remote terminals. Specific files containing SGI will be password protected to preclude access by an unauthorized individual. Files may be transmitted over a network if the file is encrypted. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) maintains a listing of all validated encryption systems at <http://csrc.nist.gov/cryptval/140-1/1401val.htm>. SGI files shall be properly labeled as "**Safeguards Information**" or "**Safeguards Information-Modified Handling**," as appropriate, and saved to removable media and stored in an appropriately locked container. A security storage container as defined in 10 CFR 73.2 is appropriate for SGI information. A locked file drawer or cabinet is appropriate for SGI-M information as required by NRC Order.

Removal From SGI Category

Documents originally containing SGI shall be removed from the SGI category whenever the information no longer meets the criteria contained in this Section.

Documents should only be removed from the SGI category by, or with the permission of, the individual (or office) who made the original determination. The document should indicate the name and organization of the individual removing the document from the SGI category and the date of the removal. Other persons who have the document in their possession should be notified of the removal.

Telecommunications

SGI may not be transmitted by unprotected telecommunications circuits except under emergency or extraordinary conditions. For the purpose of this requirement, emergency or extraordinary conditions are defined as any circumstances that require immediate communications in order to report, summon assistance for, or respond to a security event (or an event that has potential security significance).

This restriction applies to telephone, telegraph, teletype, facsimile circuits, and to radio. Routine telephone or radio transmission between site security personnel, or between the site and local police, should be limited to message formats or codes that do not disclose facility security features or response procedures. Similarly, call-ins during transport should not disclose the point of transmission or schedule information. (Infrequent or non-repetitive telephone conversations regarding a physical security plan or program are permitted provided

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that either the discussion is general in nature or the identification of specific safeguards measures is effectively disguised.)

Individuals should use care when discussing SGI at meetings or in the presence of others to insure that the conversation is not overheard by persons not authorized access. Transcripts or minutes of meetings or hearings that contain SGI should be marked and protected in accordance with the regulations or NRC Order.

Destruction

Documents containing SGI may be destroyed by tearing into small pieces, burning, shredding or any other method that precludes reconstruction by means available to the public at large. Piece sizes one half inch or smaller composed of several pages or documents and thoroughly mixed would be considered completely destroyed.

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS CONTAINING SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION (SGI)

The following is a listing of SGI sent to either Governors, State Liaison Officers (SLOs), State Homeland Security Advisors (SHSAs), Radiation Control Program Directors (RCPDs), or Transportation Contacts (10 CFR Part 71/73) from the NRC since September 11, 2001. The listing was prepared based on NRC Office records of documents distributed. If you identify other sensitive NRC documents which are not on the list, please provide that information to Bernard Stapleton, Safeguards Information Specialist, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, by telephone at 301-415-2432 or by e-mail at bws2@nrc.gov.

Date	Classification	Subject	Information Included	Sent To
9/26/2001	Safeguards Information	Letter to Governors in response to terrorist attacks	Letter attaching IN-98-35 (NRC's Security Level Classifications)	Governors cc: SLOs, except Governors/ SLOs in AK, DE, HI, MT, NV, ND, OK, SD, WV, WY
10/6/2001	Safeguards Information	IAT Advisory for Power Reactors, Decommissioning Reactors, Category 1 Fuel Facilities and Gaseous Diffusion Plants	Advisory with a list of prompt actions and additional actions for licensees to consider in order to strengthen licensee capability to respond to a terrorist attack. (This advisory included "Safeguards Information.")	SLOs in States with facilities affected by this action
10/7/2001	Safeguards Information	IAT Advisory for Power Reactors, Decommissioning Reactors, Category 1 Fuel Facilities and Gaseous Diffusion Plants	Advisory Update with notification to licensee of the initiation of U.S. Military action against targets in Afghanistan and continuance of Security Level III, including additional recommendations of previous advisories.	SLOs in States with facilities affected by this action
10/16/2001	Safeguards Information	IAT Advisory Update for Power Reactors, Non Power Reactors, Category 1 Fuel Facilities, Decommissioning Reactors, Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, and Gaseous Diffusion Plants	Report divided into two sections: a) Information regarding terrorist targets, tactics and training. b) Discussion of threat indicators.	All SLOs

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2/26/2002	Safeguards Information	Issuance of Order for Interim Safeguards and Security Compensatory Measures for Operating Nuclear Power Plants	Order modifies the current operating licenses for nuclear power plants to require compliance with specified interim safeguards and security compensatory measures. Copies of the cover letter were sent to each operating nuclear power plant licensee. The complete package was mailed to SLOs with facilities in their State affected by this Order on 2/25/2002. (Attachment 2 contained "Safeguards Information")	SLOs with facilities in affected States
7/10/2002	Safeguards Information	Orders for Interim Compensatory Measures (ICMs) for Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel and Large Quantity Shipments of Radioactive Material	Letter enclosing draft ICMs for both spent fuel and for highway route controlled quantities (HRCQ) for review and comment. Noted meetings in July and August to discuss the draft ICMs.	All SLOs
8/19/2002	Safeguards Information	NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS)	Letter sent to Governors enclosing NRC RIS: NRC Threat Advisory and Protective Measures System 2002-12A - Power Reactors 2002-12B - Research & Test Reactors 2002-12G - Conversion Facility	Governors with affected facilities in their States (cc: SLOs and State Homeland Security Advisors (SHSAs) in affected States)
10/3/2002	Safeguards Information	Letters to Governors of Affected States - Shipment of Spent Nuclear Fuel Greater Than 100 Grams	Letter enclosed Redacted Orders and ICMs for the Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel Greater than 100 Grams, RIS 2002-18, and RIS 2002-121, Rev. 1. (Some Governors received a listing of the licensees in their States receiving the Orders.	Governors of Affected States (cc: SLOs, Advance Notification Governors Designees, SHSAs)
10/17/2002	Safeguards Information	Orders and ICMs to Dry Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) Licensees	Letter to SLOs of affected States enclosing a copy of the Orders sent to general licensees and specific licensees and ICMs; also enclosed RIS further describing the increased protection requirements.	SLOs (cc: SHSAs)
12/11/2002	Safeguards Information	Proposed Implementation Guidance for ICMs	Proposed Implementation Guidance for ICMs for shipments of spent nuclear fuel greater than 100 grams and meeting notice for December 18, 2002 closed workshop to discuss the proposed guidance on ICMs and Rev. 1 to the HSAS protective measures for the transportation of spent nuclear fuel.	SLOs (Not sent to AK, HI, PR); and Governors' Designees Receiving Advance Notification (Not sent to AK, HI, PR, D.C., Islands)

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1/2/2003	Safeguards Information	Revised Design Basis Threats (DBT)	Letters sent to SHSAs in the Power Reactor States enclosing a draft paper entitled "Staff View of Adversary Attributes for Radiological Sabotage" (Safeguards Information) describing what the NRC is considering for revised design basis threats. (Ohio letter to Homeland Security Contact/Morckel)	30 SHSAs in States with Nuclear Power Reactors; SLOs
1/7/2003	Safeguards Information	Issuance of Order for Compensatory Measures Related to Access Authorization	January 7, 2003 Letter signed by S. J. Collins sent to Holders of Licenses for Operating Power Reactors as listed in Enclosure 2 of this letter.	Copies of Letter Sent to SLOs in States with Operating Nuclear Power Reactors
2/25/2003	Safeguards Information	Closed Meetings on DBT on January 9, 2003, and February 12, 2003	Document listing questions and NRC staff responses that arose from the closed January 9, 2003 DBT Meeting. Copies of slide presentations from both the January 9, and February 12, 2003 Meetings were sent to States with Nuclear Power Reactors	SHSAs and SLOs in States with Nuclear Power Reactors
3/12/2003	Safeguards Information	NRC RIS 2002-12F - Category III Fuel Facilities - NRC Threat Advisory and Protective Measures System	Letters sent to Category III Fuel Facilities States enclosing a new RIS 2002-12F to inform addressees of changes to the descriptions of the various threat advisory conditions and provide guidance that addressees may use in preplanning graded protective measures to respond to changes in the threat environment.	Category III Fuel Facilities States (NC, SC, TN, VA, WA); cc: SLOs from those States
3/12/2003	Safeguards Information	Implementation Guidance for Interim Compensatory Measures for Shipments of Spent Nuclear Fuel Greater than 100 Grams in the Current Threat Environment	Letters sent to SLOs and Governors' Designees Receiving Advance Notification of Transportation of Nuclear Waste enclosing (1) NRC Acceptance Letter; (2) NEI Letter; and (3) Implementation Guidance for ICMs for Shipments of Spent Nuclear Fuel Greater Than 100 Grams in the Current Threat Environment (Ltrs. not sent to AK; HI; PR; Guam; Washington, D.C.; Virgin Islands; American Samoa; Saipan, MP)	SLOs and Governors' Designees

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4/29/2003	Safeguards Information	SLOs and SHSAs in States with Nuclear Power Reactors - Issuance of Orders	Letter enclosing Orders were issued which limit the number of hours that security personnel can work, enhance the training requirements for security personnel and establish a revised design basis threat against which power reactors must be able to defend. Also a copy of NRC regulation 10 CFR 73.21 was enclosed.	SLOs, SHSAs in States with Nuclear Power Reactors; Delaware and West Virginia (within 10-mile EPZ)
6/5/2003	Safeguards Information - Modified	Order Imposing Compensatory Measures on Panoramic and Underwater Irradiators with Greater than 10,000 Curies of Radioactive Material	Letter enclosing the generic Order imposing Compensatory Measures on Panoramic and Underwater Irradiators with greater than 10,000 curies of radioactive material. NRC will issue the Order to the Licensees on June 6, 2003.	Agreement State (A/S) RCPDs and SLOs in States having Panoramic or Underwater Irradiators
8/27/2003	Safeguards Information - Modified	Request for review and comment on draft 274i agreement and temporary instruction pertaining to State inspection of materials licensees to verify compliance with NRC enhanced security measures	Draft 274i agreement and draft Temporary Instruction (TI) guidance document (TI is Safeguards Information - Modified) Staff talking points and a schedule of milestones was also included.	A/S RCPDs
11/24/2003	Safeguards Information - Modified	Draft Additional Security Measures (ASMs) and Draft Implementing Guidance for Manufacturing and Distribution (M&D) Materials Licensees	These ASMs and new requirements delineate licensee responsibility in response to the current threat environment.	A/S RCPDs
12/11/2003	Safeguards Information	Letter to Governor Bob Riley of Alabama from Chairman Diaz	Letter to Alabama Governor which updated him on actions taken by the NRC relating to enhanced physical protection measures for the transportation of spent nuclear fuel. Letter enclosed the Order, Attachment 1 (Licensee List), Attachment 2 (ASMs for the Transportation of SNF Greater than 100 Grams; RIS- 2002-121, Rev. 1.)	Alabama Governor, SLO, SHSA, and Part 71/73 Contact

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1/12/2004	Safeguards Information - Modified	RCPD-04-001, ASMs for M&D Licensees Dated 1/12/2004	RCPD-04-001 enclosed Order, M&D ASMs, Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2002-12M with enclosures, and Implementing Guidance For SLOs, the 11/25/2003 Order on Protection of SGI-M, the 11/24/2003 letter to RCPDs, and the State responses were also provided.	A/S RCPDs in States that License M&D (AZ, CA, GA, IL, LA, MD, MA, NC, OH, TX, WI) cc: SLOs in CA, IL, LA, MD, MA, NC, OH, TX, WI
2/20/2004	Safeguards Information - Modified	RCPD-04-006, Transmittal of 274i Agreements and Temporary Instruction for the Inspection of Panoramic and Underwater Irradiators	RCPD-04-006 enclosed the 274i Agreement and Temporary Instruction for the Inspection of Panoramic and Underwater Irradiators' Additional Security Measures	A/S RCPDs
3/30/2004	Safeguards Information - Modified	RCPD-04-010, A/S That License M&D Facilities	RCPD-04-010 enclosed licensee responses to the NRC Order imposing ASMs on manufacturing and distribution licensees that possess quantities of radioactive material greater than quantities of concern.	A/S RCPDs in AZ, CA, GA, LA, MA, OH, TX
4/8/2004	Safeguards Information - Modified	RCPD-04-011, Order Imposing ASMs for M&D Licensees Dated 1/12/2004	RCPD-04-011 enclosed Order, M&D ASMs, Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2002-12M with enclosures, and Implementing Guidance	A/S RCPDs in AL, AR, CO, FL, IA, KS, KY, ME, MS, NE, NV, NH, NM, NYS DOH, NYC DOH, NYS DOL, ND, OK, OR, RI, SC, TN, UT, WA

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UNITED STATES
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

October 15, 1999

The Honorable James M. Inhofe, Chairman
Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private
Property and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

Greta J. Dicus

cc: Senator Bob Graham

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Committee on Commerce
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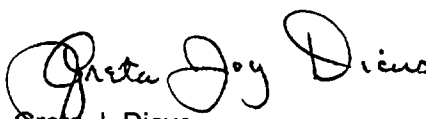
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United States House of Representatives
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