

July 16, 2015

The Honorable Bill Haslam
Governor of Tennessee
1st Floor, State Capitol
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Governor Haslam:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I extend our congratulations to the State of Tennessee on its 50th year anniversary of becoming an Agreement State. On August 12, 1965 (then) Governor Frank G. Clement entered into an Agreement with the Atomic Energy Commission to assume regulatory responsibility for certain radioactive materials under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Agreement). This made Tennessee the eleventh State to become an "Agreement State" effective September 1, 1965.

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

We wish you continued success in these efforts and look forward to our agencies continuing to work cooperatively in the future. Please extend our congratulations to the staff and management of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for their successful implementation of the Tennessee Agreement State program.

Sincerely,

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Stephen G. Burns

cc: Debra G. Shults