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Sacramento, California 95814

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In 1976, the NRC adopted a recommendation of State organizations, including the National Governors' Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as liaison to NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers to provide a communication channel between the States and the NRC, to be the key person in the State to keep the Governor completely informed on nuclear regulatory and related public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with answers to questions posed to the States on particular issues.

The individual you select to perform this function should be a State official who can communicate effectively with other State agencies on issues related to the regulation of radioactive material. We will keep you informed of our programs and activities through this individual. At the same time, we will maintain our ties to those State agencies with whom we have established relationships for specific issues. For example, we have established a longstanding working relationship with the California Department of Health Services under the NRC Agreement State program.

I look forward to continued participation by California in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. If you or your staff have any questions or wish additional information, please contact Richard L. Bangart, Director of NRC's Office of State Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Dean Kunihiro, our Walnut Creek Field Office State Liaison Officer, at 510-975-0225.

Sincerely,

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