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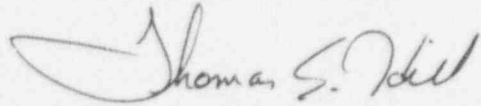
Dear Mr. Bangart:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the "Report of the Joint NRC-Agreement State Working Group for Development of Implementing Procedures for the Final Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs" (Report) dated August 21, 1996. I wish to express my appreciation to the Working Group for the many hours of hard work they invested in the development of the Implementing Procedures.

With regard to the Final Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility, on September 19, 1996, all 29 Agreement States agreed on a revised version of the statement. The Agreement States version differs significantly from the policy statement included as Attachment 2 of the Report. The bases for the Agreement States revisions to the policy statement were first communicated to the Commission in a letter dated January 24, 1991, that I, as Chairman of the Organization of Agreement States, sent to Chairman Carr. The dialogue on the relationship between the NRC and the Agreement States has been an ongoing one. I therefore request that the Report's Executive Summary and Attachments 3, 4, and 5 be revised to incorporate the intent of the Agreement States revision of the "Final Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs."

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Working Group's report.

Sincerely,



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