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Cardelia Maupin
Office of State Programs
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Maupin:

As the inter-agency coordinator for New York's Agreement State Program with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority is requesting a 30 day extension (to November 29) to the comment period for the Implementing Procedures for the Final Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs. This request is being made on behalf of the New York agencies which regulate Atomic Energy Act radioactive materials pursuant to New York State's regulatory agreement with NRC.

The New York agencies are currently reviewing the 16 direction-setting issue papers that are the second phase of NRC's strategic assessment and rebaselining of regulatory activities in an effort to meet NRC's November 15 deadline. The implementing procedures for the policy on Adequacy and Compatibility are important to New York and we require the additional time to provide the considered response the procedures warrant.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

John P. Spath
Director
Radioactive Waste Policy and
Nuclear Coordination Program

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