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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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CHAIRMAN

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

Dear Governor Owens:

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 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.

I am writing to request the continued participation of the State of Colorado in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. It is my understanding that the most recent State Liaison Officer, Robert M. Quillin, Director of Laboratory and Radiation Services Division in the Department of Public Health and Environment, has retired. 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 continue to work with various individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships on specific issues.

The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Colorado in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. If you or your staff have any questions or wish additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Charles A. Hackney, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267.

Sincerely,

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