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NRC ANNOUNCES THE OFFICE OF STATE AND TRIBAL PROGRAMS

I am pleased to announce that effective immediately, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has designated the Office of State Programs as the Office of State and Tribal Programs (STP). The change provides Tribal Governments with a liaison point of contact at the NRC. Tribal government interest has increased in recent years in multiple areas where the NRC regulates, including high level waste transportation and disposal, uranium recovery, reactor operations and dry cask storage. The name change is not intended to affect the existing relationships and communications between NRC program offices and States and Tribes on specific technical issues. STP will serve as a first point of contact for State and Tribal governments and national State and Tribal organizations, as well as have responsibility for the development and implementation of policies on cooperation with State and Tribal governments.

Rosetta O. Virgilio will serve as the STP contact for Tribal liaison matters. Please feel free to contact me at 301-415-3340, PHL@NRC.GOV or Ms. Virgilio at 301-415-2307, ROV@NRC.GOV.

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