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Dear Ms. Tefft:

This is in response to your May 31, 2000 e-mail message regarding State radiation advisory committees.

We have reviewed current and superceded Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adequacy and compatibility policies and guidance for Agreement State programs. A radiation Advisory Committee can provide valuable support and assistance to an Agreement State program. However, a radiation advisory committee is not required by NRC for States negotiating an agreement or for an existing Agreement State program.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me or Lloyd Bolling.

Sincerely,

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