

November 9, 2000

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Dear Mr. Berio:

I am responding to your August 26, 2000 e-mail to the Office of Public Affairs regarding the contact information of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) official who is responsible for oversight of uranium mill license termination in Agreement States.

The Office of State and Tribal Program (STP) was explicitly assigned responsibility for making determinations under 10 CFR 150.15a(a) and Section 274c of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. NRC Management Direction 9.15 provides, in part, that the Office “[m]akes the determination required in Section 274c of the Act that all applicable standards and requirements have been met before an Agreement State terminates a license for byproduct material as defined in Section 11e.(2). This determination will be made in consultation with the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.”

The following two documents provide detailed information related to uranium license termination in Agreement States:

1. SECY-99-025, “Guidance to Terminate Agreement State Uranium Recovery Licenses under Requirement of 10 CFR 150.15a(a) and Section 274c.” You may access the document at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/secy1999-025/1999-025scy.html>; and
2. STP Procedure SA-900, “Termination of Uranium Mill Licenses in Agreement States.” The document can be accessed at <http://www.hsrdo.ornl.gov/nrc/procedures/sa900.pdf>

Please contact me at (301) 415-3340 or Kevin Hsueh of my staff at (301) 415-2598 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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