July 31, 2002

Mr. Charles M. Hardin Executive Director Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. 205 Capital Avenue Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Chuck:

On behalf of your friends and colleagues in the Office of State and Tribal Programs, we want to wish you the best in your retirement. I want to personally recognize your 40 years of exceptionally faithful public service provided to the States, to the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, and to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Your work has made a significant differrence nationally in enhancing Federal and State relations. You have continually excelled in developing and fostoring a positive working relationship between the Conference, NRC, other Federal agencies and the States. You are noteworthy in your commitment of service to the States and in your efforts to ensure consistent high standards of quality in radiation protection programs across the nation. This outstanding service was exemplified in the Conference's recognition of your achievement in presenting you with the Gerald S. Parker and Life Member Awards.

Although we are unable to join you at your retirement reception, our thoughts are with you and your family. We wish you happiness and good luck in your retirement.

Sincerely,

/RA/ Paul H. Lohaus, Director Office of State and Tribal Programs **Distribution**: DIR RF **CRCPD** File

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