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GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

August 6, 2002

The Honorable Richard A. Meserve
Chairperson
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-001

Dear Chairperson Meserve:

The purpose of this letter is to express California's continued interest in participating in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) State Liaison Officer (SLO) Program and to inform you of my appointment of James D. Boyd, Commissioner, California Energy Commission (CEC), as the California State Liaison Officer to the NRC. His extensive experience (over two decades) in federal/state cooperative efforts related to environmental, energy and public-health policies in California will greatly benefit the cooperative efforts between the NRC and the State of California.

Mr. Boyd is the designated policy lead for Nuclear Issues at the California Energy Commission. In that capacity, he serves as the policy director for two California interagency working groups on nuclear waste transport and the proposed Yucca Mountain High-Level Waste Repository. Over the past two decades, these groups have developed California's policy input into federal proceedings related to radioactive waste transportation and disposal, as well as have prepared for major federal nuclear waste transportation programs.

Staff under Mr. Boyd's direction represent California on the Western Governors' Association (WGA) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Transport Advisory Group, the Western Interstate Energy Board's (WEIB) High-Level Waste Committee, and lead California's nuclear transport activities under California's Radiological Subcommittee of the Strategic Committee on Terrorism (SSCOT).

I share the NRC's belief in the value of this program and look forward to a continuing satisfactory working relationship between the State of California and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. If you have questions or request additional information, please contact Commissioner Boyd at (916)654-3787.

Sincerely

Gray Davis

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