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WISCONSIN AGREEMENT APPROVED (STP-03-052)

For your information, pursuant to Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (Act), entitled "Cooperation With States," the Commission on June 30, 2003, approved an Agreement with the State of Wisconsin under which the State will assume certain regulatory authority over byproduct material in Section 11e.(1) of the Act, source material, and special nuclear material in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass. The Agreement becomes effective on August 11, 2003.

In his August 21, 2002 letter, Governor Scott McCallum requested that the Commission enter into a Section 274 Agreement with the State of Wisconsin. Then Governor Scott McCallum certified that Wisconsin has a program for the control of the radiation hazards associated with the materials covered by the Agreement which is adequate to protect public health and safety. In August 2002, Governor McCallum further certified that the State desired to assume regulatory responsibility for such materials.

The proposed Agreement, along with a summary of the NRC assessment of the proposed Wisconsin program, was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> for public comment as required by Section 274e of the Act. Copies of the proposal and supporting documentation are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room.

The Commission has determined that the Wisconsin program for the regulation of Agreement materials is compatible with the Commission's equivalent program, and adequate to protect public health and safety. NRC staff will conduct periodic reviews of the Wisconsin program to ensure that the terms of the Agreement continue to be met.

If you have any questions on this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below.

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