

August 28, 2003

Mr. Richard Ratliff, Chairperson
Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.
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and

Mr. Pearce O'Kelley, Chair
Organization of Agreement States
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Dear Mr. Ratliff and Mr. O'Kelley:

During recent discussions you inquired about the NRC's ability to keep you better informed about legislative proposals being considered by the NRC and Congress that are pertinent to the Agreement States. In response to your inquiry, in the future we will strive to provide you with information on legislative matters using the following mechanisms:

- 1) We will identify bills introduced in Congress as the NRC becomes aware of them. These bills and their status can also be found at the following web site:
<http://thomas.loc.gov>
- 2) We will provide copies of the NRC's comments on bills or proposals of interest to the Agreement States, at the time those comments are made available to the public, normally five days after they are dispatched to Congress by the NRC.
- 3) We will create a new reoccurring agenda item for the OAS/STP monthly teleconference where NRC staff will highlight legislative matters that would be of significance to the Agreement States.
- 4) On a case-by-case basis and upon Commission approval, we will share with you predecisional legislative proposals being developed by the NRC.

We also ask, in the spirit of mutual sharing of information, that you provide us with copies of State comments on matters before Congress that would be of possible interest to the NRC. I will, in turn, share your comments with others within the NRC.

Richard Ratliff
Pearce O'Kelley

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We thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or John Zabko at JGZ@NRC.GOV or 301-415-2308.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Paul H. Lohaus, Director
Office of State and Tribal Programs

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