

January 06, 2004

Mr. Richard Wright
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Dear Mr. Wright:

The Commission has voted on SECY-03-0068, "Interagency Jurisdictional Working Group Evaluating the Regulation of Low-level Source Material or Materials Containing less than 0.05 Percent by Weight Concentration Uranium And/or Thorium," and issued a Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM), dated October 9, 2003. I am enclosing a copy of the SRM and the Commission votes on this paper.

The staff and management met to discuss the SRM and the next steps to take regarding the Commission's direction. The staff initially plans to contact the individual States and other impacted Federal agencies to formally solicit their views on the approach recommended in SECY-03-0068. We will review the information we receive on the specific questions we pose and evaluate what future steps to take.

At this time, we are not expecting to have another Interagency Jurisdictional Working Group (JWG) meeting in the near future. However, as a result of internal discussions and initial steps we take in addressing the SRM, other approaches/issues for addressing this material might be presented. If this is the case, we will want to discuss these with you and might find the need to have another JWG meeting or to contact you individually. Therefore, we hope that you will be available for future discussions on these issues should the need arise, although we expect the efforts to be minimal.

I want to thank you for your participation and work on the JWG. Your knowledge in the subject matter was very helpful as we researched the issues related to the regulation of low-level source material or materials containing less than 0.05 percent by weight concentration uranium and/or thorium.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact to me by telephone at 301-415-7900 or by e-mail at tmt@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. SRM dated 10/9/03
2. Commission votes

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