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Dear Mr. Palmer:

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James I. Palmer, Jr.

State Liaison Officer State of Mississippi

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

As we discussed on the telephone, I received a copy of Governor Allain's letter to Wayne Kerr, Director, Office of State Programs, NRC, informing us that you are now the State Liaison Officer. Since the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards has programmatic responsibility for overseeing the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, including State and Tribal participation under 10 CFR Part 60, I will be happy to work with you on these issues.

I understand that, for the present time, you will also serve as the contact point for the State of Mississippi's participation with NRC under 10 CFR 60, Subpart C. Enclosed are some background materials that you may find useful. The NRC high level waste State and Tribal participation activities are focused on the early identification of licensing issues so that they may be addressed promptly by the NRC staff. We will attempt to keep you informed of our activities and, at your request, we will also continue to keep Mr. Green and Mr. Forsythe informed with copies of all mailings to you and by phone calls on substantive matters.

As I mentioned during our discussion, I will be contacting you very soon regarding estimating lead times for State and Tribal participation in NRC's milestones included in the Project Decision Schedule.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Joseph O. Bunting, Chief Policy and Program Control Branch Division of Waste Management Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Enclosures: Background Material

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*See previous concurrence.

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