

March 2, 2004

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Governor of Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Perdue:

In 1976, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors' Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as liaison to NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers to provide a communication channel between the States and the NRC, to be the key person in the State to keep the Governor completely informed on nuclear regulatory and related public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with answers to questions posed to the States on particular issues.

It is my understanding that the most recent State Liaison Officer, James Setser, who was the Chief of the Environmental Protection Division's Program Coordination Branch in the Department of Natural Resources, has retired. The NRC continues to work with Jim Sommerville, Acting Chief of the Program Coordination Branch, and, unless you choose a new State Liaison Officer, we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Sommerville. At the same time, we will continue to work with various individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships on specific issues.

The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Georgia in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State and Tribal Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Trojanowski, our Region II State Liaison Officer, at 404-562-4427.

I am looking forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Nils J. Diaz

cc: Jim Sommerville