

June 3, 2005

Mr. Robert W. Goff, Director
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Dear Mr. Goff:

Thank you for your letter of May 7, 2005, expressing your concerns regarding comments made during the February 15, 2005, Waste Program Briefing, regarding the status of Agreement State adoption of the Generally Licensed (GL) Device Rule, Mississippi's longstanding adoption of its GL program, and your support of the May 9 and May 10, 2005 meetings between Board leadership from the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Chairman and Commissioners.

We recognize that Mississippi's existing GL program is more restrictive than that required by NRC's GL Device Rule and that your program has been effectively implemented since early 1963. As expressed in your letter, the NRC is also looking forward to resolving GL device rule issues with OAS and CRCPD and appreciates receiving Mississippi's input and views.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3340 or e-mail PHL@NRC.GOV or Andrea Jones of my staff at 301-415-2309 or ARJ@NRC.GOV.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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