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Dear Mr. Jackson:

Thank you for your letter, dated November 15, 2005, in which you requested a change in the position of State Liaison Officer to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for the State of Georgia.

The NRC requests that the Governor of each State appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the States and the NRC. It is anticipated the State Liaison Officer would serve as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the jurisdiction of NRC (specifically matters addressing nuclear regulation, nuclear security, and radiological public health and safety), and to provide NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

Governor Perdue previously appointed James Sommerville, Acting Chief of the Program Coordination Branch in the Department of Natural Resources, as the State Liaison Officer for Georgia. Unless the Governor designates a new State Liaison Officer, the NRC will continue to work with Mr. Sommerville. At the same time, we also will continue to work with you, and other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships.

We regret any inconvenience that this may cause. The NRC 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 Janet Schlueter, 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.

Sincerely,

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Janet R. Schlueter, Director
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cc: Robert E. Trojanowski, NRC
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