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Governor Mark R. Warner
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TO:

Chairman Diaz

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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Request to Enter into an Agreement with the NRC

Reyes
Virgilio
Kane
Silber
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Travers, RII
Strosnider, NMSS
Dyer, NRR
Cyr, OGC

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CONTACT:

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Schlueter

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Please respond addressing participation in the
Agreement State Program.

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AFFILIATION: VA-GOV
ADDRESSEE: Nils Diaz
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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Office of the Governor

Mark R. Warner
Governor

December 14, 2005

Nils J. Diaz, Ph.D., Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Letter of intent to Enter into an Agreement with the U.S. Nuclear
Regulatory Commission

Dear Dr. Diaz:

Virginia is fortunate to have a strong industrial sector, a vibrant academic community and an impressive healthcare system, all of which use radioactive materials. This usage has resulted in a significant presence of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the Commonwealth.

While such usage benefits all of us, radiation safety has always been a prime concern. Accordingly, I feel the Commonwealth should assume a more prominent role in the protection of its citizens from unnecessary radiation. Toward that end, it is our intent to pursue an agreement with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for transfer of authority for the control of radioactive materials to the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

To facilitate our participation into the Agreement State Program, I am hereby directing Khizar Wasti, Ph.D., Director, Division of Health Hazards Controls, Virginia Department of Health, to coordinate the process with your staff. Dr. Wasti can be contacted by telephone at (804) 864-8182, or by email at khizar.wasti@vdh.virginia.gov. All of us look forward to a continuing, cooperative effort to enhance radiation safety within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark R. Warner".

Mark R. Warner