

June 28, 2006

The Honorable Donald L. Carcieri
Governor of Rhode Island
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Governor Carcieri:

In response to your May 16, 2006 request to relinquish Rhode Island's authority to evaluate and approve sealed source and device (SS&D) applications, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has decided to assume regulatory authority for SS&D evaluations and approvals within the State of Rhode Island, effective July 1, 2006. For your information, I have enclosed a pre-publication copy of the Federal Register Notice announcing this change. Rhode Island will retain authority to regulate the manufacture and use of SS&D within the State in accordance with its Section 274b Agreement with the NRC.

Your staff may contact Janet R. Schlueter, Director, Office of State and Tribal Programs, at (301) 415-3340, if they have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Nils J. Diaz

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Marie Stoeckel, Chief
Office of Occupational & Radiological Health
Rhode Island Department of Health

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
State of Rhode Island Relinquishment of Sealed Source
and Device Evaluation and Approval Authority and
Assumption by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Assumption by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of Sealed Source and Device Evaluation and Approval Authority from the State of Rhode Island.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective July 1, 2006, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will assume regulatory authority for sealed source and device evaluations and approvals in the State of Rhode Island in response to a request from the Governor of the State of Rhode Island to relinquish this authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jennifer C. Tobin, Health Physicist, Office of State and Tribal Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-2328, Internet: JCT1@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently, the State of Rhode Island has an Agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) which recognizes the State authority to regulate specific categories of radioactive materials formerly regulated by the NRC. This

