

July 3, 2006

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Dear Ms. Hamrick:

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We also appreciate your willingness and availability to support ongoing discussions, both by teleconference and in person, with representatives of STP, NMSS, and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) as we further refine the functional statements and associated titles for the new Office, currently referred to as the Office of the National Materials Program.

I am also pleased to inform you that the Commission decided to publicly release the staff paper and Commission staff requirements memorandum, which my office will be distributing electronically to all States in the very near future. We are confident that these documents will help to provide additional background information and context for the recent reorganization decision, as well as make clear NRC's intent to fully engage the States as we formulate the vision and functional statements for this important major program office.

We look forward to continuing our close working relationship with the OAS, CRCPD and individual States on these matters, and appreciate the Board's support in facilitating these efforts.

Sincerely,

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Janet R. Schlueter, Director
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Mr. T. Pearce O'Kelley
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