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September 6, 2006

Dr. Dale E. Klein, Ph.D.
Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Dr. Klein:

Your letter of August 18, 2006 – received in the Governor’s Office on August 28, 2006 – asks about the State of Alaska’s plans for entering into an agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) under Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. The question is whether Alaska will continue to regulate certain radioactive materials.

Due to the complexity of the issue, recently revised State regulations and the need to assess our resources, the State of Alaska respectfully seeks an extension to your request. You asked for a response within 30 days of our receipt of your letter, or September 28, 2006. We request an extension to October 28, 2006. Frankly, we need that extra time to fully evaluate our position and budgetary issues. Obviously, we want to make an informed decision about whether to participate in such an Agreement.

Thank you for your understanding. If you or other NRC officials have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Dr. Richard Mandsager, director of the Alaska Division of Public Health, (907) 465-3090.

Sincerely,

Karleen K. Jackson, Ph.D.
Commissioner

cc: Richard Mandsager, M.D., Director, Division of Public Health
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