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September 18, 2006

Honorable Chairman Dale E. Kline
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
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Dear Chairman Kline:

This letter is in response to your inquiry concerning Idaho's intention for future regulation of Naturally Occurring and Accelerator Produced (NARM) radioactive material now defined as byproduct material in the new paragraphs (3) and (4) of Section 11e. of the U. S. Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Effective April 26, 1991 due to budget and other factors Idaho relinquished its NRC Agreement State status and has not maintained an active radioactive material regulatory program or state rules for NARM material. Idaho's intent is not to regulate NARM as byproduct material in the future.

However, for matters relating to the health and safety of the citizens and environment, it is my expectation that the NRC will maintain active communication to my designated NRC representatives at the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality concerning all radioactive materials regulated by the NRC.

~~Very Truly Yours~~

James E. Risch
Governor

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