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Mike Huckabee
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The Honorable Dale E. Klein, Ph.D., Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike, Mail Stop 0-16 C1
Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738

Dear Chairman Klein:

This correspondence is in response to the request for information in your letter dated August 18, 2006. Arkansas has a long and established history of regulatory oversight for the use of radioactive material. Therefore, the State of Arkansas intends to submit a certification to the Commission, as required in Section 651(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This certification will allow Arkansas to continue to regulate radioactive materials now defined as by-product materials.

We request the certification process be completed as early as possible within the time limits established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in regulating the safe and secure use and management of radioactive materials for the public good. If you have any specific questions or need any information on the Arkansas Radioactive Materials Program, please contact Jared Thompson, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health, at 501-661-2173.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Huckabee".

Mike Huckabee

Cc: Janet R. Schlueter, Director
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