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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Dr. Dale E. Klein, Chair
Nuclear Energy Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Klein:

Governor Blunt has asked me to respond to your letter of August 18, 2006 regarding Missouri's plan to consider regulating certain radioactive materials under provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. I am pleased to do so.

First let me congratulate a fellow Missourian on your selection as Chair. I know that you have a strong vision for your office and your leadership is already being felt throughout the agency. I wish you well during your tenure and pledge that we in Missouri will continue to work with you during that process.

Missouri has remained one of the Non-Agreement states since the inception of the nation's atomic energy program. At this time, the state does not feel compelled by the changes in the Energy Act to change that position within the timeframe outlined in your letter.

We are aware that under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 that control of certain naturally occurring and accelerator produced radioactive materials will revert to the Commission unless the state acts to become an Agreement State.

It has been a number of years since Missouri reviewed its position on that subject. I am aware that you would like to see the remaining Non-Agreement States, starting with your home state of Missouri, assume greater responsibility in this area by becoming Agreement States.


The Department of Natural Resources is beginning to explore with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and your staff the options and issues we should consider for the future.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my deputy, Floyd Gilzow, who also serves as the State Liaison Officer for Missouri at 573-751-3195 or floyd.gilzow@dnr.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Doyle Childers
Director

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