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October 4, 2006

Dale E. Klein Chairman U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Klein:

Governor Bredesen has asked the Department of Environment and Conservation to respond to your letter dated August 18, 2006 requesting information regarding the plans of the State of Tennessee for the regulation of certain radioactive materials soon to come under the regulatory program of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in accordance with its expanded authority under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as newly defined byproduct materials.

Tennessee has regulated the radioactive materials to be captured under the expanded definition of byproduct material for more than forty years, protecting our public health and safety, and our environment through the same regulatory practices employed in the conduct of our Section 274b Agreement State program.

I anticipate that the State of Tennessee will, at the appropriate time, submit its certification to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, as provided for in Section 651(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and continue to regulate the radioactive materials newly defined as Section 11e. (3) and 11e. (4) byproduct materials by the Commission.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Sloan Deputy Commissioner

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