

March 29, 2007

Mr. David J. Allard, Director
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Dear Mr. Allard:

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The interoffice staff team has verified that each of the comments that were provided in Enclosure 2 of Dr. Miller's letter have been addressed through the modifications and clarifications that you provided in your letter. In the course of our continued interactions with Pennsylvania, we will confirm the assurances that you provided, which indicate that you have an adequate number of trained and qualified staff in place, based on your staff needs analysis and qualification procedures. Once confirmed, and following the public comment period and the resolution of public comments, the NRC staff is prepared to recommend that the Commission approve the proposed Agreement. In addition, we encourage your continued efforts to enhance your staff's licensing and inspection skills through attendance at NRC formal training courses, in-house training, and continued close coordination with NRC Region I licensing and inspection staff on a broad range of licensed activities.

Finally, the milestone schedule provided in Enclosure 3 of Dr. Miller's letter will commence effective today, and a current milestone schedule is enclosed for your convenience. Please note that the milestone schedule provides 31 weeks from today to have an effective Agreement in place, which would be beyond the Commonwealth's target date of October 1, 2007. I want to assure you that the NRC staff will work as diligently as possible in processing the Agreement, and we will continue to closely coordinate with you to keep you informed of our progress.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-3340, or Mr. Andrew Mauer, Team Leader for the Pennsylvania Agreement Review Team, at (301) 415-3962.

Sincerely,

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ELAPSED-WEEKS MILESTONE SCHEDULE

ENCLOSURE

Event	Event Time (Weeks)	Elapsed Time (Weeks)	Estimated Completion Date
Team completes Notation Vote Commission Paper, including draft staff assessment and FR Notice	2	2	04/12/2007
NRC offices concur on Commission Paper	3	5	05/03/2007
EDO sends Paper to Commission	2	7	05/17/2007
Commission gives notation vote	2	9	05/31/3007
First publication in FR	1	10	06/07/2007
Public comment period ends	4	14	07/05/2007
Team analyzes comments; completes final assessment and Commission Paper	4	18	08/02/2007
NRC offices concur on final assessment and paper	3	21	08/23/2007
EDO signs paper	2	23	09/06/2007
Commission SRM approving Agreement	4	27	10/04/2007
Signing of Agreement	4	31	11/01/2007
Effective Date of Agreement	To Be Determined (Pennsylvania's target date is October 1, 2007.)		