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Dear Ms. Schlueter:

We appreciate the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Headquarters and Region 1 staff time during their recent meetings with our Radiation Protection Program staff. We have received your letter summarizing their findings. This letter does not contain the specific plan and updated qualification matrix requested in your letter; it is simply an acknowledgement.

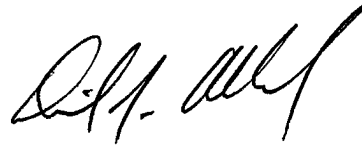
We are working to generate the specific plan for addressing the issues identified. To that end, we are directing our managers to re-evaluate the staff training and qualification journals and generate a gap analysis. We will continue to pursue traditional training such as the training offered through the NRC. However, we have expanded our search for training providers outside this normal source. Given the timeframe of the NRC fiscal year 2008 training schedule release in early October, submission of our specific plan will be delayed until that time.

We also recognize this changes Pennsylvania's Agreement State status target for an effective date of October 1, 2007. Please know that we plan to have these training issues resolved as soon as possible. If our plan satisfies your "criterion 20," I propose we have an Agreement signing prior to the end of calendar year 2007, with an effective date of March 31, 2008.



Thank you, and I look forward to NRC's continued cooperation on this most complex matter. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact me by e-mail at djallard@state.pa.us or by telephone at (717) 787-2480.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. J. Allard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

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Director
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