November 10, 2008

Mr. Jon Goldstein
Deputy Secretary
Environment Department
State of New Mexico
PO Box 5469
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Dear Mr. Goldstein:

I am pleased to learn of your appointment as the State Liaison Officer to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for the State of New Mexico. The NRC relies on the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the State and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the NRC's jurisdiction (specifically matters addressing nuclear regulation, nuclear security, and radiological public health and safety), and provides NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

The State Liaison Officer also serves as the primary individual responsible for sharing sensitive unclassified information, including Safeguards Information (SGI), from NRC with other designated State officials. The State Liaison Officer is responsible for ensuring that recipients of such information have a "need-to-know," and for implementing the appropriate measures for storing and protecting the information from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 73.21. Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-08, "Protection of Safeguards Information from Unauthorized Disclosure," is contained in Enclosure 1. Enclosure 2 contains additional detailed information about SGI handling and protection requirements, including (1) sharing SGI with those who, by reason of position, have a need-to-know; (2) protection while in use or storage; (3) preparation and marking; (4) external transmission; (5) reproduction and destruction; and (6) criminal and civil sanctions.

We may also have, on occasion, the need to share classified national security information with the State. Therefore, we would also appreciate your identifying an individual authorized to receive and handle classified information within your State organization. Additionally, we would appreciate your identifying the location, contact and telephone number of the facility (or facilities) having secure communications equipment in the event that we may need to transmit information over a secure transmission line.

We are placing you on special mailing and e-mail distribution lists so that on a regular basis you receive copies of NRC documents and reports to keep you informed of matters that have an impact on, or are of interest to, States. Also, NRC conducts national State Liaison Officers' meetings, usually every three years and regional meetings as needed, to discuss matters of mutual regulatory interest.

Mr. William Maier, our Regional State Liaison Officer in the NRC Region IV Office, located in Arlington, Texas, will be your main contact for routine communications at 817-860-8217. In the event of his unavailability, please do not hesitate to call me at Headquarters at 301-415-7278, or Dr. Stephen Salomon of my staff at 301-415-2368, concerning any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

/**RA**/
Mark R. Shaffer, Director
Division of Intergovernmental Liaison
and Rulemaking
Office of Federal and State Materials
and Environmental Management Programs

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