

May 20, 2009

Mr. Mark Shaffer, Director
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Shaffer:

Thank you for your letter of March 26, 2009 regarding my recent appointment by Governor Paterson as New York State's "State Liaison Officer" to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). I look forward to working with you and your staff at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland and with Nancy McNamara and Doug Tifft of NRC's Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

Your letter provided information regarding the requirements for handling and sharing of sensitive unclassified information, including Safeguards Information (SGI), from NRC with other State officials. We understand the requirements and have the necessary systems in place to fulfill them.

You also requested identification of individuals authorized to receive and handle classified national security information, and information on the availability of secure communications equipment. To the best of our knowledge, there are no NYSERDA employees who possess such authority. Also, NYSERDA does not currently possess secure communications capability. However, we do work closely with the New York State Office of Homeland Security which has the authorized staff and secure communications capabilities you seek. We have forwarded your request to that office and they will respond to your request under separate cover.

Again, I look forward to working with you and other NRC officials in pursuing our mutual objectives of nuclear facility safety and security. Should you have any questions regarding these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 862-1090, ext. 3320, or Alyse Peterson of my staff at (518) 862-1090, ext. 3274. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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