May 21, 2010

The Honorable Chris Christie
Governor of New Jersey
Office of the Governor
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor Christie:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing to invite you to designate a State Liaison Officer to act as the State of New Jersey's liaison to the NRC. In 1976, the Commission adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC for the purpose of improving Federal and State cooperation. The NRC relies on the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to serve as the primary communication channel for the State. The State Liaison Officer informs the Governor of issues under NRC's jurisdiction such as nuclear regulation, nuclear security, and radiological public health and safety, and informs the NRC of State issues, such as nuclear safety, security, or environmental issues.

I understand that the most recent State Liaison Officer, Mark Mauriello, Acting Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, recently left this position. We shall continue to correspond with Paul Baldauf, Assistant Director for Radiation Protection Programs, Department of Environmental Protection, who was designated by the former State Liaison Officer to be the NRC's primary contact for routine issues. At the same time, NRC will continue to work with various individuals in State agencies with whom the NRC has established relationships on specific issues.

The Commission looks forward to the continued participation of the State of New Jersey in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please have them contact Mark Shaffer, Director of NRC's Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, at (301) 415-7278, or NRC's Region I State Liaison Officer, Mr. Doug Tifft, at (610) 337-6918.

Sincerely,

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Gregory B. Jaczko

cc: Paul Baldauf, Assistant Director
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