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The NRC looks to the Program Director to be the lead within the State of Tennessee to implement the 274b Agreement under the Atomic Energy Act (AEA) to ensure public health and safety in the regulation of radioactive material in accordance with the provisions of section 274b.

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Sincerely,

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