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April 4, 2011

To: The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor

From: Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health 

Subject: **Appointment of Lynn Nakasone as Hawaii State Liaison Officer to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)**

I am recommending the appointment of Ms. Lynn Nakasone, Administrator, Environmental Health Services Division, as the Hawaii State Liaison Officer to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). I feel that Ms. Nakasone is well-qualified to serve as the state liaison in order to provide a primary communication channel between the State and NRC. She will also serve as the key person to keep you informed about issues under the NRC's jurisdiction, as well as provide the NRC with State information on nuclear safety, security and environmental issues.

Your concurrence is recommended.

ENDORSEMENT

I, Neil Abercrombie,

- Appoint Lynn Nakasone as State Liaison Officer to the NRC
- Reject the appointment of Lynn Nakasone as State Liaison Officer to the NRC

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UNITED STATES
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March 18, 2011

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor of the State of Hawaii
State Capitol Executive Chambers
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Abercrombie:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing to request your appointment of a State Liaison Officer to act as the State of Hawaii's primary liaison to the NRC. The State Liaison Officer, Russell S. Takata, Program Manager, Noise, Radiation and Indoor Air Quality Branch, Department of Health, recently retired from his position with the State of Hawaii. Since that time, the NRC has worked with Lynn Nakasone, Division Administrator, Hawaii Department of Health. The NRC will continue to work with Ms. Nakasone until you designate a new State Liaison Officer. I am providing you with two copies of the NRC brochure entitled, "State Liaison Officer Program," which provides background information on, and describes the role of, the State Liaison Officer. I am also enclosing a copy of the NRC "2010-2011 Information Digest," which provides information describing NRC's mission and its regulatory programs.

In 1976, the NRC 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 to help improve Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to 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 about issues under the NRC's jurisdiction (specifically matters addressing nuclear regulation, nuclear security, nuclear emergency preparedness, and radiological public health and safety) and to provide the NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, and environmental issues.

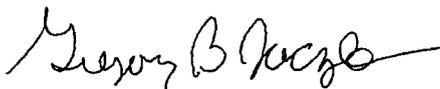
Since inception of the State Liaison Officer Program, State Liaison Officer responsibilities have continued to evolve. Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the NRC increased its security-related communications with the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers. Your appointed State Liaison Officer will serve as the recipient for sensitive unclassified information, including Safeguards Information (SGI), from the NRC. SGI is a special category of sensitive unclassified information authorized by Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to be protected from inadvertent release and unauthorized disclosure. Although SGI is sensitive unclassified information, it is handled and protected more like classified National Security Information.

NRC also concluded that there is an increased need to ensure that other authorized State officials have access to SGI. Because State Homeland Security Advisors are responsible for homeland security activities in the States, these State officials may also receive copies of NRC security information in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security. This will help ensure that the State Homeland Security Advisor has knowledge of, and access to, this information and can share such information with other authorized State officials.

We will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Ms. Nakasone or your appointed designee. At the same time, we will continue to work with other individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships. If you or your staff have any questions concerning this correspondence or wish to obtain additional information about the State Liaison Officer program, please contact Dr. Josephine Piccone, Director, Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, at (301) 415-7278 or by email at Josephine.Piccone@nrc.gov.

I thank you in advance for your assistance. The Commission looks forward to your response appointing a State Liaison Officer, and to continuing an excellent working relationship with the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Gregory B. Jaczko

Enclosures:

- 1) NRC Brochure, "State Liaison Officer Program"
- 2) U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 2010-2011 Information Digest, NUREG-1350, Volume 22

cc w/o enclosures:

L. Nakasone, Division Administrator