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April 20, 2011

Mr. Gregory B. Jaczko
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Re-appointment of David J. Allard as State Liaison Officer

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

I am writing you in response to your letter of March 18, 2011, requesting my appointment of a State Liaison Officer (SLO) for official interface between the Commonwealth and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. As you have noted, David J. Allard, Director of the Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Radiation Protection is the current SLO. Mr. Allard is a certified health physicist with over 33 years of experience in the government and private sectors, and has been in his bureau director position since February 1, 1999. He has effectively managed one of the largest radiation control programs in the country, personally spear-headed the amendment of the state's Radiation Protection Act in 2007 to improve the security of large quantities of radioactive material transported through the state, led a successful effort to gain NRC Agreement State status for Pennsylvania in March 2008, and has served faithfully as SLO since his initial appointment by Governor Ridge in 1999.

Other radioactive materials and reactor-related challenges Mr. Allard and his staff have jointly addressed with NRC over the past 12 years include: reactor and materials security enhancements after the attacks of 9/11, the inattentive guards issue Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, an exemplary Agreement State program review by NRC in 2010, the TMI Unit-1 steam generator replacement contamination incident, ongoing low-level and high-level radioactive waste storage issues, etc. Often these issues involve the handling and communication of sensitive safeguards information within the DEP and other state agencies. Mr. Allard and his staff have the procedures and facilities in place to handle these materials. The SLO is a very important position and requires a unique skill set.

Knowing his capabilities, the above noted accomplishments, and having been personally briefed by Mr. Allard on the potential impact of the recent radioactive iodine deposition from Japan's Fukushima reactor accident, it is my pleasure to re-appoint him as the State Liaison for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We greatly appreciate this formal SLO arrangement and opportunity to maintain our strong working relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Corbett". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

cc: Josephine Piccone (NRC)
Acting Secretary Michael Krancer
David J, Allard, CHP