

March 12, 2012

The Honorable Steve Beshear
Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Beshear:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I extend my congratulations to the Commonwealth of Kentucky on its 50th year anniversary of becoming an Agreement State. On February 8, 1962, (then) Governor Bert Combs entered into an agreement with the Atomic Energy Commission to assume regulatory responsibility for certain radioactive materials under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Agreement). This made Kentucky the first State to become an "Agreement State," and became effective on March 26, 1962.

I commend the Commonwealth on its successful efforts throughout the years in regulating the safe use of radioactive materials, thereby protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Kentucky and the environment from any potential hazards or exposures from licensed activities. I encourage your continued support of the important oversight provided by your Agreement State program.

I wish you continued success in these efforts and look forward to our agencies continuing to work together cooperatively in the future. Please extend my congratulations to the staff and management of the Radiation Health Program.

Sincerely,

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Gregory B. Jaczko

cc: Matthew McKinley