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June 25, 2012

Hon. Gregory B. Jaczko
Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

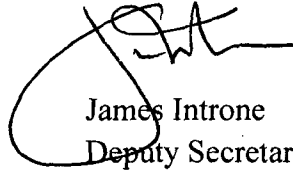
This is in response to your letter to Governor Cuomo raising concerns about the New York State Agreement program; in particular the Department of Health's (Department) latest Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review. In your letter you specifically raise concerns about the impact of personnel losses on overall program effectiveness and a delay in the promulgation of New York State regulations compatible with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (US NRC) regulations.

In recognition of the critical importance of the radiation protection program to public health and safety, the Department is in the process of filling vacant positions. To date, three positions have been filled and the Department is actively pursuing candidates for the remaining positions.

A schedule for completion of all pending regulations was provided to the US NRC in the Department's response to the IMPEP review. This schedule was approved by the US NRC on February 21, 2012.

Thank you very much for bringing these issues to our attention. The Department will take all steps necessary to continue to assure an effective radiation protection program that meets all required standards and protects public health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Introne', with a large, stylized loop on the left side.

James Introne
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