

October 22, 2012

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, we extend our congratulations to the State of New York on its 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of becoming an Agreement State. On October 15, 1962, (then) Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller 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 New York the fourth State to become an "Agreement State" effective October 15, 1962.

We commend the state 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 New York and the environment from potential hazards or unintended exposures from licensed activities, as was committed to in the Agreement. We encourage your continued support of the important services provided by the Agreement State program.

We look forward to ongoing cooperation between the NRC and the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection; the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Radiological Sites Section; and the New York City Department of Health, Bureau of Radiological Health. We wish you success and would like to extend our congratulations to the staff and management of the agencies working on this crucial endeavor.

Sincerely,

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