

March 27, 2013

The Honorable Mike Beebe  
Governor of Arkansas  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Governor Beebe:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I extend our congratulations to the State of Arkansas on its 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of becoming an Agreement State. On May 21, 1963 (then) Governor Orval E. Faubus, 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 Arkansas the sixth State to become an "Agreement State" effective July 1, 1963.

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 Arkansas 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 wish you continued success in these efforts and look forward to our agencies continuing to work cooperatively in the future. Please extend our congratulations to the staff and management of the Arkansas Department of Health for their successful implementation of the Arkansas Agreement State program.

Sincerely,

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