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Mr. B.J. Smith, Director  
Division of Radiological Health  
Mississippi State Department of Health  
3150 Lawson Street  
Jackson, MS 39213

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF MR. BINESH THARAKAN AS A REGION IV STATE AGREEMENTS OFFICER

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is to inform you of the appointment of Mr. Binesh Tharakan to the position of State Agreements Officer for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Region IV office in Arlington, Texas. Mr. Tharakan is appointed to fill the position previously held by Ms. Rachel Browder, who is now a Senior Enforcement Specialist in the Region IV office.

Mr. Tharakan joined the NRC in 1999 as a health physicist in the NRC Headquarters' office. He transferred to the Region IV office in 2003 as a health physicist, holding various positions, including nuclear systems engineer and resident inspector. Prior to joining the NRC, his work experience included a radiological engineering consultant for Westinghouse, a dosimetry laboratory manager for Health Physics Northwest, a graduate research fellow at Department of Energy's (DOE's) Argonne National Laboratory West, and a health physicist at Oregon State University Radiation Center. Mr. Tharakan received his B.S. degree in Radiation Health Physics in 1993 from Oregon State University Nuclear Engineering and M.S. degree in Health Physics in 1997 from Texas A&M University. Mr. Tharakan received his certification from the American Board of Health Physics in 2006.

Mr. Tharakan will report for duty in the Region IV office on July 14, 2013, after which he can be reached by phone at 817-200-1116 or by e-mail at [Binesh.Tharakan@nrc.gov](mailto:Binesh.Tharakan@nrc.gov). Until Mr. Tharakan reports for duty, Mr. Randy Erickson is available at 817-200-1143 ([Randy.Erickson@nrc.gov](mailto:Randy.Erickson@nrc.gov)) and Mr. William Maier, Region IV's State Liaison Officer, is available at 817-200-1267 ([Bill.Maier@nrc.gov](mailto:Bill.Maier@nrc.gov)). Mes. Marti Poston-Brown and Latischa Hanson, serving in temporary assignments as State Agreement Officers, will also be available for assistance, Ms. Poston-Brown at 817-200-1181 ([Martha.Poston-Brown@nrc.gov](mailto:Martha.Poston-Brown@nrc.gov)), and Ms. Hanson at 817-200-1286 ([Latischa.Hanson@nrc.gov](mailto:Latischa.Hanson@nrc.gov)).

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I have enclosed copies of the NRC Region IV Division of Nuclear Materials Safety organizational chart and a chart of the individual state assignments for the Region IV State Agreements Officers and the State Liaison Officer for your information.

Sincerely,

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Vivian H. Campbell, Deputy Director  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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