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Chairman Allison M. Macfarlane
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O-16G4
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Macfarlane:

Upon the recommendation of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD), I request relinquishment of the Sealed Source and Device (SS&D) evaluation authority currently granted GAEPD and assumption of this authority by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In order to provide for an orderly assumption of this authority, I recommend an effective date of July 1, 2013.

We are committed to maintaining an adequate program that is compatible with that of the NRC. However, it was clear during our last NRC Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review that there are a number of higher priority areas that will require our attention in the near term. It has become increasingly challenging for Georgia to recruit and retain the necessary personnel resources to perform the specialized SS&D activities. Therefore, at this time, we believe it is in the best interest of the State to return the SS&D part of the radioactive materials program to NRC and to focus our attention on the core areas of the program.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Deal".

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