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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

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SUBJECT: E-mail to M. Hoffman regarding Iowa State Liaison Officer

For documentation to closeout of NMSS Ticket No. LTR-16-0149. E-mail to Michael Hoffman regarding Iowa State Liaison Officer position. See attached e-mail for response.

Enclosure:
1. E-mail to M. Hoffman

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From: Lopas, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 2:38 PM
To: michaelahoff@gmail.com
Subject: State Liaison Officer for Iowa

Hello Mr. Hoff,

I am responding to your e-mail inquiry dated 3/16/16 regarding the position of State Liaison Officer for the State of Iowa.

Ms. Angela Leek, Chief of the Bureau of Radiological Health in the Iowa Department of Public Health is Iowa's current State Liaison Officer. Ms. Leek was appointed by Governor Branstad on January 13, 2014 (<http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1402/ML14027A096.pdf>). Ms. Leek is also Iowa's Agreement State Director.

I see where Iowa has this position listed on their public jobs site (<https://openup.iowa.gov/board/218/Nuclear+Regulatory+Commission,+United+States/>), however, the NRC is not involved in the selection of State Liaison Officers. I'm not sure why the State would list this as an open position, and furthermore, why the NRC would be listed as the contact for the position. State Liaison Officers are appointed by each State's Governor, so unfortunately we cannot provide you with information on that selection process – that is specific to each State's Governor's office.

Once a State Liaison Officer has been appointed by the Governor, the NRC relies on the State Liaison Officer to provide the primary communication channel between the State and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor informed on issues under the NRC's jurisdiction (specifically matters addressing nuclear regulation, nuclear security, and radiological public health and safety), and provides the NRC with State information on these issues. If you are interested, I have included some links to information below: the NRC brochure, NUREG/BR-0520 "State Programs at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission" describes some of the NRC's interactions with States, including the State Liaison Officer Program; "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission State Liaison Officer Program" describes the program in greater detail, including responsibilities of the State Liaison Officer; and NRC Management Directive 5.2, "Cooperation with States at Commercial Nuclear Power Plants and Other Nuclear Production or Utilization Facilities." This directive contains the NRC's policy on cooperation with States and more detailed information about the State Liaison Officer program and responsibilities.

- State Programs at the NRC (brochure): <http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1415/ML14155A318.pdf>
- NRC State Liaison Officer Program (brochure): <http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1104/ML110490469.pdf>
- NRC Management Directive 5.2: <http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1022/ML102220529.pdf>

Let me know if you have any other questions, I'm sorry I could not be of more help.

Thank you,

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