



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Office of Federal and State Materials and
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Ms. Beardsley:

Revisions were made to the Mississippi State Board of Health regulations after the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's review identified in a letter dated July 9, 2013. The regulations have been revised again to incorporate your previous comments and requirements of the equivalent regulations to State Regulation Status (SRS) Data Sheet, RATS ID: 2012-1, 2012-2 and 2012-3.

As a result of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's review, fifty three comments were identified, including two standing comments from the previous comment letter dated May 19, 2011. We understand that if the Mississippi State Board of Health regulations were adopted, incorporating RATS ID: 2012-1, 2012-2, and 2012-3, and without other significant change, they would meet the compatibility and health and safety categories established in the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) Procedure SA-200. The corrections and changes made to our regulations are being sent by email.

One comment is noted regarding an equivalent state regulation to NRC provision 10 CFR 32.210 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f). I have resubmitted the letter to the Governor of Mississippi for removal of the authorization for Sealed Source & Device Registration authority. The letter is awaiting signatory approval by the Governor, and will be submitted to your office once it is signed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 601-987-6893.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. J. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

B. J. Smith, Director
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