



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

July 11, 2017

William Irwin, ScD, CHP
Radiation Control Program Director
Radiological and Toxicological Sciences Program Chief
Vermont Department of Health
108 Cherry Street
Burlington, VT 05402

Dear Dr. Irwin:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of June 19, 2017, in which you indicated that you intend to provide the NRC with a draft application for an Atomic Energy Act, Section 274b Agreement shortly after August 19, 2017. Thank you for providing the NRC notice and the opportunity to assemble a review team prior to your draft application submittal. A review team will be designated and ready to review your draft application upon submittal.

Upon receiving the draft application, the team will review it for completeness. The draft application should contain a draft letter of certification and a description of the materials program for all applicable elements of the Agreement. The description should cover all applicable sections of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards procedure SA-700 "Processing an Agreement." It should contain sufficient information to permit staff to conduct a detailed review of the application. It should also contain the draft text for the proposed Agreement (See NRC Management

Directive 5.8, Proposed Section 274b Agreements with States). Printed and photocopied documents must be legible. Information in electronic form must be readable by the agency computer resources. The submittal should not contain any information that is not publicly available, including security related information. In the case of personally identifiable information (PII), it should be provided in a separate submittal that is clearly marked as containing sensitive PII.

During the review, there will be regularly scheduled telephone calls with the State. NRC's comments on the draft application should be used to make changes to the formal request. However, the State should not submit a second draft or changes to the draft unless coordinated with the Branch Chief of the Agreement State Programs Branch. This will help avoid ambiguity with respect to responding to NRC comments and the completeness for the formal request.

The NRC welcomes the State's interest in becoming an Agreement State and looks forward to working with the State of Vermont on your Agreement State application. Please continue to contact Duncan White at duncan.white@nrc.gov or 301-415-2598 with any questions regarding the Agreement application process.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Paul Michalak, Chief
Agreement State Programs
Branch Division of Material Safety, State,
Tribal and Rulemaking Programs
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

cc:

Lori Cragin, Vermont Department of Health
David Englander, Vermont Department of Health
Francis O'Neill, Vermont Department of Health
Littia Mann, Vermont Department of Health

SUBJECT: Acknowledgment Letter to William Irwin (July 11, 2017)

Distribution:

David Spackman

Donna Janda

Monica Ford

ML17173A768

OFFICE	NMSS/ASPB	NMSS/ASPB
NAME	DWhite	PMichalak
DATE	6/26/17	7/11/17