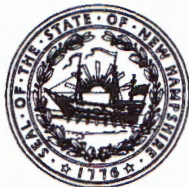


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Shirley A. Jackson, Chairman
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Jackson:

The New Hampshire Bureau of Radiological Health has reviewed the comments from the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) relative to the Direction Setting Issue Papers - as a part of the NRC's Strategic Assessment of Regulatory Activities, which were addressed to you in a letter from Robert Quillan, Chair OAS, dated October 21, 1996. As a result of this review, we would like to go on record as endorsing these OAS comments.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you or any member of the Commission wish to discuss these issues further, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Diane E. Tefft, Administrator
Bureau of Radiological Health

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cc: Robert Quillan, Chair OAS

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