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Mr. John C. Hoyle
 Secretary of the Commission
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 ATTN: Chief of Docketing and Services Branch
 Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Secretary Hoyle:

Enclosed are the Maryland Radiological Health Program's comments on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this subject.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (410) 631-3300. You may also reach my office toll-free by dialing 1-800-633-6101 and requesting extension 3300.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

CC: Robert Quillin

Acknowledged by card 12/31/96 Dms

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State of Maryland**U.S. NRC Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative****Directive Setting Issue Paper # 21****"Fees"**

Maryland supports Option 2 "No Consideration of Fees for Mandated Activities" because this option would treat all mandated activities the same with respect for fees. Collection of fees should not be used in determining the priority for mandated activities. Training Agreement State personnel is a mandated activity. NRC should not charge the Agreement States for training or technical assistance. The current funding mechanism for fee recovery is adequate and should remain as is.