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## Office of the Governor

November 14, 2017

The Honorable Kristine L. Svinicki,  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop O-16B33  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: State of Wyoming application for Agreement State status

Dear Chairman Svinicki:

Please accept this formal request to establish an Agreement between the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the State of Wyoming, as authorized by Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. § 2014(e)(2), as amended, and Section 20 of the Environmental Quality Act, Wyo. Stat. § 35-11-2001 to 2005.

Under this Agreement, the NRC will discontinue certain regulatory authority for radioactive materials now under federal jurisdiction, and the State of Wyoming will assume that authority, with the exception of the American Nuclear Corporation site as detailed in Commission Paper SECY-17-0081. The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) is the agency responsible for implementing the agreement. The specific authority requested is described in the proposed agreement, enclosed herein.

I hereby certify, in accordance with Section 274(d)(1) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. § 2021(d)(1), as amended, that the State of Wyoming has a program for the control of source material involved in the extraction or concentration of uranium or thorium in source material and ores at milling facilities, and the management and disposal of byproduct material as defined in Section 11e.(2) of the AEA. The enclosed volumes of the formal application contain copies of the radiation protection laws and rules and describe Wyoming's radiation control program as well as its regulatory capabilities. The contact person for the agreement request is Mr. Kyle Wendtland, Administrator, Land Quality Division, WDEQ. Mr. Wendtland is available by phone at (307) 777-7046, or by email at [Kyle.Wendtland@wyo.gov](mailto:Kyle.Wendtland@wyo.gov).

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Wyoming appreciates the resources and efforts of NRC staff in assisting Wyoming prepare for this important responsibility. Our target date to become an Agreement State is September 30, 2018 and we would appreciate your expeditious consideration of this proposed Agreement to meet the schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew H. Mead', is written over a horizontal line.

Matthew H. Mead

Governor

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Encl.

cc: Todd Parfitt, Wyoming DEQ Director