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Dear Mr. Williams:

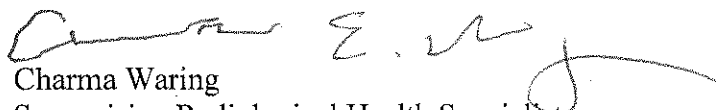
Enclosed is a copy of the proposed revisions to the Rhode Island *Rules and Regulations for the Control of Radiation* [R-23-1.3-RAD]. These proposed revisions are mandated, in part, by the creation of the Rhode Island Code of Regulations (RICR). The RICR will create a uniform regulations format and numbering system for all Rhode Island administrative regulations. As a result, the existing radiation control regulations will be recodified as Parts 1-15 of 216-RICR-40-20. Furthermore, in keeping with RICR nomenclature format, Subchapter 20 of 216-RICR-40 will be titled "*Radiation*" rather than "*Rules and Regulations for the Control of Radiation*". In addition, to the extent possible, we have adopted an incorporation by reference process to convert a 10 CFR compatibility requirement to a RICR citation. The complexity of these revisions makes it impractical to annotate the proposed regulations using the traditional line-in/line-out text. Therefore, we have enclosed a cross-reference index for 10 CFR citation, existing R-23-1.3 citation and proposed 216-RICR-40-20 citation.

We anticipate that the proposed regulations will be submitted to RI's Office of Regulatory Reform (ORR) for a mandatory thirty (30) day review period by 1 March 2018. Once the proposed regulations have been cleared by ORR, they will be made available for a thirty (30) day public comment period. We anticipate that the public comment period will close no earlier than 4 May 2018. Therefore, we request NRC's comments by 1 May 2018.

We believe that adoption of these proposed regulations will address all open items through RATS 2015-5, and will satisfy the compatibility and health and safety categories established in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Procedure SA-200.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Bill Dundulis of my staff at (401) 222-7767 or via e-mail (Bill.Dundulis@health.ri.gov).

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