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To Jason Smith Montana Office of Tribal Affairs

Good afternoon, Mr. Smith.

I am following up on a voicemail that I left yesterday announcing a webinar that the NRC is sponsoring on the agency's Agreement State Program and Wyoming's application to join this program. On May 16, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. EDT, the NRC will sponsor a webinar on the NRC's Agreement State Program and the application by Wyoming to become an Agreement State. The Agreement State Program allows the NRC to discontinue and a state to assume regulatory authority for certain types of nuclear materials, if the state develops a program that is protective of public health and safety, has compatible regulations and is approved by the NRC. The State of Wyoming has submitted an application to the NRC to regulate uranium mill facilities within their borders. If the agency approves this application, the NRC would no longer consult with area Tribes on activities related to uranium and thorium milling in Wyoming. The webinar will include time for questions and answers and cover the following topics:

- The process of becoming an Agreement State
- The status of the Wyoming Application
- The NRC's Tribal Policy Statement

If there are other topics or specific issues that you would like to have addressed during the session, please contact Duncan White, Senior Technical Advisor in the Agreement State Program at Duncan.white@nrc.gov or (301) 415-2598.

As background, a fact sheet on the Agreement State Program, including a set of frequently asked questions is attached. A summary of the steps in the process for becoming an Agreement State is here: https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/state-tribal/become-agreement.html.

If you are interested in participating, please use the following link to register. https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1858878720494875907.

If you have any difficulty with the registration process, please contact Kathy Modes at <u>Kathy.modes@nrc.gov</u> or (215) 872-5804.

I hope that you can join us. Please share this information with others who may be interested. My contact information is below, if you have questions or need more information.

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