



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable Robert D. Ray
Governor of Iowa
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Governor Ray:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission adopted a number of recommendations suggested by State organizations, including the National Governors' Association, for streamlining the siting and environmental review process for nuclear facilities. One of the most important suggestions was that the States appoint a single person to act as a liaison officer to NRC to improve Federal/State cooperation. Since the beginning of the liaison officer program, forty-nine Governors have appointed a liaison officer to the NRC and also the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

In the past two years we have worked with the appointed State liaison officers in all aspects of our program, including transportation of radioactive waste, siting, environmental matters, decommissioning, emergency response, notification and waste disposal.

Mr. Maurice Van Nostrand, Chairman, Iowa State Commerce Commission, was the appointed State liaison officer to the NRC. We understand Maurice Van Nostrand has recently resigned from the Iowa State Commerce Commission. I hope you will consider appointing a new individual to succeed Mr. Van Nostrand as the Iowa liaison officer to the NRC.

We look forward to having a continued close working relationship with the State of Iowa.

If you have any questions or wish additional information, please call me or Sue Weissberg, who is in charge of our liaison efforts at (301) 492-7794.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert G. Ryan".

Robert G. Ryan, Director
Office of State Programs

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