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Dear Dr. Morrow:

This is to confirm the discussion Mr. Bolling held with Ms. Bode and Messrs. Wilkerson and Brown during our recent review and evaluation of the North Carolina radiation control program. The review covered the principal administrative and technical aspects of the State's program. This included an examination of the program's funding and personnel resources; licensing, inspection and enforcement activities; emergency response capabilities for agreement material, and the status of the State's radiation control regulations.

As a result of our review of the State's program and the routine exchange of information between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the State, the staff believes that the State's program for regulation of agreement material is adequate to protect the public health and safety and compatible with the Commission's program.

We are pleased to note that fiscal deficits created by a reduction of DHEW 3140 funds have been handled by an interdivisional transfer of funds. The matter will be further addressed during the Department's future budget proposals. We also noted that the State has revised and updated its regulations effective February, 1980.

There is one area that we feel deserves your attention and consideration. This is the professional staffing level devoted to the agreement materials program. We noted last year that the staffing level was below our recommended level of 1.0-1.5 person-years per 100 licenses in effect. This year, due to several incidents and the planning and participation of program staff in emergency response activities, the program's effort in the agreement materials area has decreased. Last year we recommended that at least one full-time professional be added to the radioactive material program as soon as possible. We feel that the need for this individual is even more acute this year. We recognize the support for the radiation control program provided by the Department of Human Resources and the Division of Facility Services even though the legislature did not approve the increased staffing.

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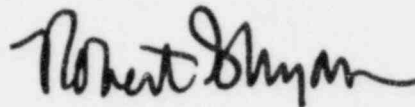
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During the summary meeting Ms. Bode inquired about assistance which might be provided to States who desire to make reciprocal agreements on low-level waste. This subject was discussed at the annual meeting of the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) held in Savannah, Georgia May 4-7, 1980. As a result of that discussion we understand SSEB plans to coordinate a meeting to explore the matter in more detail. I suggest that you contact Ken Nemeth, Executive Director of SSEB regarding North Carolina's interest in this matter.

I would appreciate your response to our comment on staffing. Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Mr. Dayne Brown regarding the technical aspects of the program. I am enclosing a second copy of each letter for placement in your State Public Document Room or otherwise be made available for public reviewing.

I appreciate the courtesy and cooperation your staff extended to Mr. Bolling during the meeting.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:
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