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G. Wayne Kerr Acting Director Office of State Programs U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kerr:

This is in response to your review and evaluation of Nebraska's radiation control program and your comments in letter dated May 13, 1980. You commented on two aspects of our program, the proposed regulations and the University of Nebraska radioactive material licenses.

The Department of Health has had considerable dialogue with the University of Nebraska to resolve the license applications for radioactive materials and the administration of their licensing program. Your comments concerning the license application and the technical review by your staff has been appreciated.

The Department of Health appears to be in the final stages of having new Regulations for Control of Radiation approved. We sincerely appreciate your letter of July 3, 1980 which permitted us to proceed without further delay on finalizing our regulations.

I have instructed the Director of the Division of Radiological Health to continue to maintain the Regulations for Control of Radiation in a timely matter, especially the section on packaging and transportation of radioactive material.

The Department of Health appreciates the review of our radiation control program by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, as we feel it is mutually beneficial for a state and federal agency in a rapidly changing field of radiation control.

Sincerely,

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