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Mr. Kenneth J. Nemeth, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Nemeth:

I appreciate your concern about the future role of the Office of State Programs expressed in your letter of July 25, 1980, to Chairman Ahearne. Your praise for the office's past efforts is most welcome.

I want to assure you that your views will be most carefully considered in any reorganization which may affect the Office of State Programs. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission remains committed to the idea of preserving close working relations with the States.

Thank you for your views; we hope you will continue to bring such issues to our attention.

Sincerely,

(Signed) William J. Dircks

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