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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Dear Mrs. Lytle:

In accordance with the Department of Energy's January 23, 1989, "Notice of DOE Policies and Procedures Regarding the January 1, 1990 Milestone", the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) hereby verifies receipt of the enclosed certification submitted by the State of Maine to meet Section 5(e)(1)(C)(ii) of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985 (Act). This certification was signed by Governor John R. McKernan Jr., and certifies that the State of Maine will be capable of providing for and will provide for the storage, disposal, or management of any low-level radioactive waste generated in the State following December 31, 1992, and requiring disposal. This certification was officially provided to NRC on December 21, 1989. No later than January 23, 1990, copies of all certifications will be sent to Congress and to the Office of the Federal Register for publication in accordance with Section 5(e)(1)(E) of the Act. At the same time, the sited states officials named in our guidance in the February 22, 1989, Federal Register Notice will be provided with copies of all certifications. NRC has processed the certification in accordance with the summary provided to you in my December 21, 1989, letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert M. Bernero".

Robert M. Bernero, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
As stated