

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

February 6, 1990

The Honorable James J. Florio Governor of New Jersey Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor Florio:

As you assume the Office of Governor of New Jersey, I look forward to working with you to fulfill the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) responsibilities to protect public health and safety in regulating nuclear . facilities and materials. One important aspect of NRC-State cooperation in this regard is the NRC's State Liaison Officer Program. Accordingly, I am writing to invite New Jersey's continued participation in that program.

In 1976, the NRC adopted a recommendation of State organizations, including the National Governors' Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as liaison to NRC to improve Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers to provide a communication channel between the States and the NRC, to be the key person in the State to keep the Governor completely informed on regulatory health and safety matters as appropriate to their interests and responsibilities, and to provide NRC with answers to questions posed to the States on particular issues.

former Governor Thomas Kean appointed Christopher Daggett, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, as the most recent New Jersey State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Daggett unless you inform us of a new choice. We will keep you informed of major NRC programs and activities through your appointee. At the same time, we will maintain cir ties to those State agencies with whom we have established relationships for specific issues.

If you or your staff have any questions or desire additional information, please contact Carlton Kammerer, Director of State Programs, Office of Governmental and Public Affairs, at (301) 492-0321, or Marie Miller, our Regiona? State Liaison Officer, at (215) 337-5246.

Sincerely,

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