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Dear Dr. Wallace:

Thank you for your letter of July 7, 1982, responding to the comments and recommendations made in our letter of April 30, 1982, following the review of New Hampshire's radiation control program. Details concerning these comments were described in the attachment to our letter of April 30, 1982. We understand that the heading of "implementation date" stated in your letter means the dates when the State will begin taking action on our recommendations.

Based upon your responses and the timetable for implementing our recommendations, we believe that the State has adequately addressed those comments identified as Category II indicators. However, as we noted in our April 30 letter, a significant problem exists in the technical quality of New Hampshire's licensing program, a Category I indicator. Since your response indicates an implementation date of October 1, 1982 for this aspect, it appears this problem has yet to be rectified. Licensing of persons to possess and use radioactive materials is a most important aspect of the State's radiation control program for materials. Procedures for reviewing license applications (as outlined in our letter) should be established as soon as possible to assure that newly licensed activities and license renewals reflect current safety requirements for use of radioactive materials. We believe the State should take prompt action to improve its licensing program by implementing our comments in order to assure a proper degree of protection for the public health and safety.

As provided in our review guidelines, we plan to conduct a follow-up review in early November. At that time, we will focus on the progress the State has made in improving its licensing program. The NRC staff believes that an opinion that the New Hampshire program for regulation of agreement material is adequate to protect the public health and

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safety and is compatible with the Commission's program can be offered when the technical quality of the licensing program is improved.

Mr. Gordon will be contacting your staff to confirm the dates of the follow-up review. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please let us know.

Sincerely,


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Regional Administrator

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