March 15, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Chairman Commissioner Rogers Commissioner Remick Commissioner de Plangue

FROM: James M. Taylor Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVIEW LETTER FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA AGREEMENT STATE PROGRAM REVIEW

Attached is the proposed review letter for the North Carolina Agreement State Program. A routine review of the North Carolina program was completed on December 10, 1993. The staff determined that the North Carolina radiation control program for the regulation of agreement materials, at this time, is adequate to protect the public health and safety. The State's regulations are compatible with NRC's regulations in all respects with the exception of the "Safety Requirements for Radiographic Equipment," 10 CFR Part 34 amendment (55 FR 843) which was due by January 10, 1994. Therefore, a finding of compatibility is being withheld.

The State's equivalent of the radiographic equipment rule has been drafted. Within the past ten years, this is the first review in which NRC has withheld a finding of compatibility for the North Carolina radiation control program.

The North Carolina review letter has been reviewed by the Office of General Counsel, and it has no legal objections. I plan to transmit the review letter to the State within ten working days.

James M. Taylor Executive Director for Operations

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