

STATE OF NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

February 18, 1982

Mr. G. Wayne Kerr
Director for State Programs
Office of State Programs
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kerr:

In 1966, Governor Morrison of Nebraska signed an Agreement with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission whereby Nebraska became an Agreement State.

The State of Nebraska and its citizens have benefitted from this Agreement whereby we assumed the authority to regulate byproduct, source and special nuclear material of less than critical mass.

The reviews by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission of our Agreement's program and the technical assistance you provide are extremely valuable to our state in maintaining a regulatory program compatible with those of other states and the federal government.

As you may be aware, there has been considerable exploratory activities for uranium deposits within our state over several years. It appears that the state may receive a uranium mining and milling license application in the near future.

At this time the State of Nebraska does not have the necessary legislation nor regulations to protect the public health and safety from uranium mining and milling activities.

As Governor of the State of Nebraska, I hereby request that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission reassert regulatory authority to regulate source materials as they relate to uranium mining and milling.

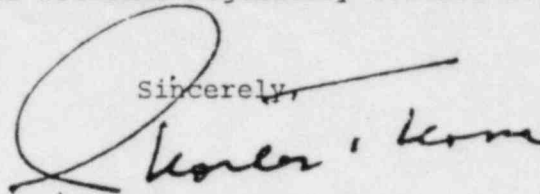
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The State of Nebraska does wish to review its options in this area and if in the best interest of Nebraska and its citizens be permitted at a later date to submit an amended Agreement to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission whereby the State could reassume regulatory control over source material in Nebraska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles Thone", written over the word "Sincerely,".

CHARLES THONE
Governor

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