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The Honorable Pedro J. Rossello
Governor of Puerto Rico
La Fortaleza
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901

Dear Governor Rossello:

I am writing to invite the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's continued participation in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's State Liaison Officer Program. It is my understanding that the most recent State Liaison Officer, Santos Rohena Betancourt, Chairman, Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board, has left that position. We will communicate with Hector Russe Martinez, the new Chairman, unless you inform us of a new appointee.

In 1976, the NRC adopted a recommendation of State organizations, including the National Governors' Association, that we request each State and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to appoint a single person to act as liaison to NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to provide a communication channel between the Commonwealth and the NRC; to be the key person in the Commonwealth to keep the Governor informed on nuclear regulatory and related public health and safety matters; and to be responsive to NRC questions regarding particular activities in the Commonwealth. We will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Martinez. At the same time, we will continue to maintain our ties to those agencies in the Commonwealth with whom we have established relationships on specific issues.

I look forward to Puerto Rico's continued participation in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. If you or your staff have any questions or wish additional information, please contact Richard Bangart, Director of our headquarters Office of State Programs, at 301-504-3340, or Robert Trojanowski, our Region II State Liaison Officer, at 404-331-5597.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Rogers
Acting Chairman

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