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Dr. Terry R. Lash, Director  
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Dear Dr. Lash:

This is to confirm the discussion Messrs. Joel Lubenau and Donald Mussbaumer held with you and your staff on December 18, 1987 following our initial review of the State's radiation control program.

As a result of our review of the Department's program and the routine exchange of information between the NRC and the State, the staff believes that the State's program for regulating agreement materials is adequate to protect the public health and safety and compatible with the Commission's program.

We commend the State for its successful implementation of the Agreement State program. This is a significant achievement given the size of the program - over 800 licenses. Messrs. Eastvold, Cooper and the entire materials staff are to be congratulated.

We noted in our review that Illinois has adopted an inspection frequency system which is more stringent than the NRC priority system. As a consequence a temporary backlog of overdue inspections exists which the State plans to eliminate in 1988. During the course of our review, we made a number of suggestions to enhance the effectiveness of the Agreement program, including minor revisions to IDNS administrative and licensing procedures manual and recording of inspection findings. The staff accepted the suggestions and incorporated them into the program documents prior to completion of our review.

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Sincerely,

original signed by the Regional Administrator

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