



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

October 23, 1998

The Honorable Mike Huckabee  
Governor of Arkansas  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Governor Huckabee:

In response to your July 1, 1998, request to relinquish Arkansas' authority to evaluate and approve sealed source and device (SS&D) applications, I asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff to prepare a paper on the issue so that the Commission could act on your request. After reviewing your proposal and the staff's analysis, the Commission has decided to reassume regulatory authority for SS&D evaluations and approvals within the State of Arkansas, effective October 1, 1998. For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the Federal Register notice announcing this change. Arkansas will retain authority to regulate the manufacture and use of sealed sources and devices within the State in accordance with its Section 274b Agreement with the NRC.

Your staff may contact Richard L. Bangart, Director, Office of State Programs, at (301) 415-3340, if they have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shirley Ann Jackson

Enclosure:  
As stated

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