



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

GOVERNOR NED LAMONT

December 10, 2020

The Honorable Kristine L. Svinicki
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Mail Stop O-16G4
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Letter of Intent to Enter into an Agreement with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Chairman Svinicki,

Pursuant to my authority under section 22a-152 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State of Connecticut hereby notifies the NRC of the State's intent to become an Agreement State in accordance with Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (as amended) and to transfer authority for the control of radioactive materials not involved in energy production (e.g., academic, medical and industrial radioactive materials) to the State of Connecticut.

Connecticut is the proud home of a strong industrial sector, a vibrant academic community and a world class healthcare system. These entities rely on a close local partnership to respond quickly and creatively to emerging and changeable needs. We have seen this firsthand as part of our statewide response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These entities also utilize radioactive materials as part of their research and health care functions. While the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has been effective in regulating radioactive material usage in the state, Connecticut intends to pursue a primary role in advancing radiation safety. For decades, Connecticut has managed an effective program for the protection of the public health and safety from radiation hazards in the use of x-rays in healthcare, industry and academia. We also have exceptional resources in radiological and nuclear emergency preparedness and for monitoring radiation in the environment.

As Governor, I will ensure that Connecticut dedicates the resources necessary to meet the requirements of the Agreement. Upon achieving Agreement State status, we will work diligently to create a more accessible and efficient regulatory program for both our citizens and the regulated community, assure sustainable radiation safety resources, and reduce barriers to interstate commerce by ensuring compatible requirements. Staff in the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection have studied NRC guidance and are working with your staff on elements of the required Radiation Control Program. We expect to complete work toward a final Agreement soon after January 1, 2025.

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To facilitate our participation in the Agreement State Program, I hereby direct Commissioner Katherine Dykes of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to implement the Agreement State Program process. Coordinating the details of the implementation will be the responsibility of Mr. Jeffrey Semancik, Connecticut's Radiation Control Program Director in the Department's Air Bureau, who can be reached at 860-424-4190 or at Jeffrey.Semancik@ct.gov.

Connecticut greatly appreciates our strong working relationship with the NRC, and we look forward to a continuing, cooperative effort to enhance radiation safety within the State.

Sincerely,



Ned Lamont
Governor

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I look forward to working with NRC staff to complete all of the requirements for the Agreement and becoming an active partner of the national materials program.

V/R,

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