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The Honorable Brian P. Kemp
Governor of Georgia
206 Washington Street
Suite 203, State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Kemp:

I am writing to request your appointment of a State Liaison Officer (SLO), who will act as the State of Georgia's primary liaison to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). On December 31, 2020, Mr. Barty Simonton, the previously named SLO, retired from State service. We deeply appreciate the assistance and support that Mr. Simonton provided in our shared mission of protecting public health and safety as well as the environment. We will continue to work with Mr. David Matos, Program Manager in the Radioactive Materials Program within the Air Protection Branch of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, on an interim basis until we receive your formal designation of an SLO.

The roles of the SLO and background information of the SLO program are described in the enclosure and include the receipt of security sensitive information relating to the use and transportation of certain radioactive materials. Please see the enclosure for additional information. The NRC will keep you informed of our programs and activities through your selected appointee. At the same time, we will continue to work with other individuals in Georgia State agencies with whom we have established relationships. If you or your staff have any questions concerning this correspondence or wish to obtain additional information about the SLO program, please contact Mr. Kevin Williams, Director, Division of Materials Safety, Security, State, and Tribal Programs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, at (301) 415-3340 or via e-mail at Kevin.Williams@nrc.gov.

I thank you in advance for your assistance. The Commission looks forward to your response. I appreciate our agencies continuing to work cooperatively in the future in ensuring public health and safety, and security.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Hanson

Enclosure:
The Role of the State Liaison Officer