

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

July 7, 2021

The Honorable Lawrence Joseph Hogan, Jr. Governor of Maryland 100 State Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1925

Dear Governor Hogan:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I extend my congratulations on the State of Maryland's 50th anniversary of becoming an Agreement State. On January 1, 1971, Governor Marvin Mandel entered into an Agreement with the Atomic Energy Commission to assume regulatory responsibility for certain radioactive materials under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. This action established Maryland as the 22nd Agreement State.

I commend Maryland's successful efforts throughout the years in regulating the State's safe use of radioactive materials, thereby protecting public health and safety. I encourage your continued support of the important services provided by the Maryland Agreement State Program.

I look forward to our agencies' continued cooperation and shared success as part of the National Materials Program. Please extend my congratulations to the dedicated professionals of the Maryland Department of the Environment for their successful implementation of the Maryland Agreement State Program.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Hanson

cc: Eva Nair