



CHAIRMAN

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

July 7, 2021

The Honorable Eric J. Holcomb
Governor of Indiana
State House, Second Floor
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2797

Dear Governor Holcomb:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your June 11, 2021, letter in which you express interest in pursuing an agreement between the NRC and the State of Indiana pursuant to Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. We appreciate your early communication on this matter. The NRC staff is available to provide guidance to the State of Indiana in the development of the Agreement State application.

As required by the Act, the NRC staff will review the application and conduct an assessment of the compatibility of the Indiana program with the NRC's program and the adequacy of Indiana's program to protect public health and safety with respect to the materials covered by the proposed agreement. After its review, the NRC staff will provide the results of its assessment to the Commission. If the Commission approves the proposed agreement, the NRC will publish the text and a summary of its assessment in the *Federal Register* for public comment. The Act requires that the proposed agreement be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks. After expiration of the comment period, the Commission will consider any comments received and make a final decision on the request. You will be notified promptly of the decision, and the NRC staff will coordinate with Indiana staff to establish an effective date for the agreement, and Indiana would assume regulatory authority over the acquisition, possession, use, transfer, and disposal of the materials identified in the agreement.

The Commission welcomes the State's interest in becoming an Agreement State and looks forward to the continued collegial relationship that the NRC and the State of Indiana have enjoyed in the past.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. T. Hanson".

Christopher T. Hanson

cc: Sarah Chaney