

AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
AND THE  
STATE OF TEXAS  
FOR  
DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN COMMISSION REGULATORY  
AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE STATE PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 274 OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT OF 1954, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, The United States Atomic Energy Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) is authorized under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as the Act) to enter into agreements with the Governor of any State providing for discontinuance of the regulatory authority of the Commission within the State under Chapters 6, 7, and 8, and Section 161 of the Act with respect to byproduct materials, source materials, and special nuclear materials in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Texas is authorized under Article 4590f of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes to enter into this Agreement with the Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Texas certified on November 5, 1962, that the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to as the State) has a program for the control of radiation hazards adequate to protect the public health and safety with respect to the materials within the State covered by this Agreement, and that the State desires to assume regulatory responsibility for such materials; and

WHEREAS, The Commission found on December 19, 1962, that the program of the State for the regulation of the materials covered by this Agreement is

compatible with the Commission's program for the regulation of such materials and is adequate to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, The State recognizes the desirability and importance of maintaining continuing compatibility between its program and the program of the Commission for the control of radiation hazards in the interest of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, The Commission and the State recognize the desirability of reciprocal recognition of licenses and exemption from licensing of those materials subject to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, It is hereby agreed between the Commission and Governor of the State, acting in behalf of the State, as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

Subject to the exceptions provided in Articles II, III, and IV, the Commission shall discontinue, as of the effective date of this Agreement, the regulatory authority of the Commission in the State under Chapters 6, 7, and 8, and Section 161 of the Act with respect to the following materials:

- A. Byproduct materials;
- B. Source materials; and
- C. Special nuclear materials in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass.

## ARTICLE II

This Agreement does not provide for discontinuance of any authority and the Commission shall retain authority and responsibility with respect to regulation of:

- A. The construction and operation of any production or utilization facility;
- B. The export from or import into the United States of byproduct, source, or special nuclear material, of any production or utilization facility;
- C. The disposal into the ocean or sea of byproduct, source, or special nuclear waste materials as defined in regulations or orders of the Commission;
- D. The disposal of such other byproduct, source, or special nuclear material as the Commission from time to time determines by regulation or order should, because of the hazards or potential hazards thereof, not be so disposed of without a license from the Commission.

## ARTICLE III

Notwithstanding this Agreement, the Commission may from time to time by rule, regulation, or order, require that the manufacturer, processor, or producer of any equipment, device, commodity, or other product containing source, byproduct, or special nuclear material shall not transfer possession or control of such product except pursuant to a license or an exemption from licensing issued by the Commission.

## ARTICLE IV

This Agreement shall not affect the authority of the Commission under subsection 161 b. or i. of the Act to issue rules, regulations, or orders to protect the

common defense and security, to protect restricted data or to guard against the loss or diversion of special nuclear material.

#### ARTICLE V

The Commission will use its best efforts to cooperate with the State and other agreement States in the formulation of standards and regulatory programs of the State and the Commission for protection against hazards of radiation and to assure that State and Commission programs for protection against hazards of radiation will be coordinated and compatible. The State will use its best efforts to cooperate with the Commission and other agreement States in the formulation of standards and regulatory program of the State and the Commission for protection against hazards of radiation and to assure that the State's program will continue to be compatible with the program of the Commission for the regulation of like materials. The State and the Commission will use their best efforts to keep each other informed of proposed changes in their respective rules and regulations and licensing, inspection and enforcement policies and criteria, and to obtain the comments and assistance of the other party thereon.

#### ARTICLE VI

The Commission and the State agree that it is desirable to provide for reciprocal recognition of licenses for the materials listed in Article I licensed by the other party or by any agreement State. Accordingly, the Commission and the State agree to use their best effort to develop appropriate rules, regulations, and procedures by which such reciprocity will be accorded.

ARTICLE VII

The Commission, upon its own initiative after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing to the State, or upon request of the Governor of the State, may terminate or suspend this Agreement and reassert the licensing and regulatory authority vested in it under the Act if the Commission finds that such termination or suspension is required to protect the public health and safety.

ARTICLE VIII

This Agreement shall become effective on March 1, 1963, and shall remain in effect unless, and until such time as it is terminated pursuant to Article VII.

Done at Austin, State of Texas, in triplicate, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1963.

FOR THE UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman

FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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Price Daniel, Governor