

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

*WHEREAS, The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) is authorized under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2011 et seq. (hereinafter referred to as the Act), to enter into agreements with the Governor of any State/Commonwealth providing for discontinuance of the regulatory authority of the Commission within the State/Commonwealth under Chapters 6, 7, and 8, and Section 161 of the Act with respect to byproduct materials as defined in Sections 11e.(1), 11e.(2), 11e.(3), and 11e.(4) of the Act, source materials, and special nuclear materials in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass; and,*

*WHEREAS, The Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia is authorized under the Code of Virginia, Section 32.1-235, to enter into this Agreement with the Commission; and,*

*WHEREAS, The Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia certified on June 12, 2008, that the Commonwealth of Virginia (hereinafter referred to as the Commonwealth) has a program for the control of radiation hazards adequate to protect public health and safety with respect to the materials within the*

*Commonwealth covered by this Agreement, and that the Commonwealth desires to assume regulatory responsibility for such materials; and,*

*WHEREAS, The Commission found on February 27, 2009, that the program of the Commonwealth 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 public health and safety; and,*

*WHEREAS, The Commonwealth and the Commission recognize the desirability and importance of cooperation between the Commission and the Commonwealth in the formulation of standards for protection against hazards of radiation and in assuring that Commonwealth and Commission programs for protection against hazards of radiation will be coordinated and compatible; and,*

*WHEREAS, The Commission and the Commonwealth recognize the desirability of the reciprocal recognition of licenses, and of the granting of limited exemptions from licensing of those materials subject to this Agreement; and,*

*WHEREAS, This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Act;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, It is hereby agreed between the Commission and the Governor of the Commonwealth acting on behalf of the Commonwealth as follows:*

## **ARTICLE I**

*Subject to the exceptions provided in Articles II, IV, and V, the Commission shall discontinue, as of the effective date of this Agreement, the regulatory authority of*

*the Commission in the Commonwealth under Chapters 6, 7, and 8, and Section 161 of the Act with respect to the following materials:*

- 1. Byproduct materials as defined in Section 11e.(1) of the Act;*
- 2. Byproduct materials as defined in Section 11e.(3) of the Act;*
- 3. Byproduct materials as defined in Section 11e.(4) of the Act;*
- 4. Source materials; and*
- 5. 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 the following:*

- 1. The regulation of the construction and operation of any production or utilization facility or any uranium enrichment facility;*
- 2. The regulation of the export from or import into the United States of byproduct, source, or special nuclear material, or of any production or utilization facility;*
- 3. The regulation of the disposal into the ocean or sea of byproduct, source, or special nuclear materials waste as defined in the regulations or orders of the Commission;*

4. *The regulation of the disposal of such other byproduct, source, or special nuclear materials waste as the Commission from time to time determines by regulation or order should, because of the hazards or potential hazards thereof, not be disposed without a license from the Commission;*
5. *The evaluation of radiation safety information on sealed sources or devices containing byproduct, source, or special nuclear materials and the registration of the sealed sources or devices for distribution, as provided for in regulations or orders of the Commission;*
6. *The regulation of byproduct materials as defined in Section 11e.(2) of the Act;*
7. *The regulation of the land disposal of byproduct, source, or special nuclear material waste received from other persons.*

### **ARTICLE III**

*With the exception of those activities identified in Articles II, paragraphs 1 through 4, this Agreement may be amended, upon application by the Commonwealth and approval by the Commission, to include one or more of the additional activities specified in Article II, whereby the Commonwealth may then exert regulatory authority and responsibility with respect to those activities.*

### **ARTICLE IV**

*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 V**

*This Agreement shall not affect the authority of the Commission under Section 161b or 161i 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 VI**

*The Commission will cooperate with the Commonwealth and other Agreement States in the formulation of standards and regulatory programs of the Commonwealth and the Commission for protection against hazards of radiation and to assure that Commission and Commonwealth programs for protection against hazards of radiation will be coordinated and compatible. The Commonwealth agrees to cooperate with the Commission and other Agreement States in the formulation of standards and regulatory programs of the Commonwealth and the Commission for protection against hazards of radiation and to assure that the Commonwealth's program will continue to be compatible with the program of the Commission for the regulation of materials covered by this Agreement.*

*The Commonwealth and the Commission agree to keep each other informed of proposed changes in their respective rules and regulations and to provide each other the opportunity for early and substantive contribution to the proposed changes.*

*The Commonwealth and the Commission agree to keep each other informed of events, accidents, and licensee performance that may have generic implications or otherwise be of regulatory interest.*

#### **ARTICLE VII**

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

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

*The Commission, upon its own initiative after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing to the Commonwealth, or upon request of the Governor of the Commonwealth, may terminate or suspend all or part of this Agreement and reassert the licensing and regulatory authority vested in it under the Act if the Commission finds that (1) such termination or suspension is required to protect public health and safety, or (2) the Commonwealth has not complied with one or more of the requirements of Section 274 of the Act. The Commission may also, pursuant to Section 274j of the Act, temporarily suspend all or part of this Agreement if, in the judgment of the Commission, an emergency situation exists requiring immediate action to protect public health and safety and the Commonwealth has failed to take necessary steps. The Commission shall periodically review actions taken by the Commonwealth under this Agreement to ensure compliance with Section 274 of the Act which requires a Commonwealth program to be adequate to protect public health and safety with respect to the materials covered by this Agreement and to be compatible with the Commission's program.*

