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**SUBJECT: PROGRAMMATIC SUSTAINABILITY AND FUNDING OF THE MISSISSIPPI
AGREEMENT STATE PROGRAM**

Dear Dr. Edney:

We appreciate the Mississippi Agreement State Program's dedication and leadership to the safe and secure use of radioactive materials in the State of Mississippi. I am writing to share some perspectives regarding the need for sustained programmatic stability and funding for the Mississippi Agreement State Program that was established in 1962, based on an [Agreement](#) between the Governor of Mississippi and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

The NRC is aware that the Mississippi Agreement State Program has proposed a fee increase to ensure its obligations as an Agreement State are met. The NRC commends Mississippi on the improved program performance observed during the 2023 Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession Number [ML23188A186](#)). The NRC believes that adequate funding will enable Mississippi to implement a well-conceived and balanced staffing strategy, sustain the improved performance documented in the 2023 IMPEP review, and continue to adequately protect the health and safety.

The NRC appreciates your continued support in ensuring that Mississippi has the necessary resources to manage and maintain an effective Agreement State Program. I want to assure you that the NRC supports the objectives of the Mississippi Agreement State Program and will continue to work closely with the Program. We appreciate your commitment to this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Lubinski", is written over a horizontal line.

Signed by Lubinski, John
on 03/13/24

John W. Lubinski, Director
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