



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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January 15, 2025

R. James Gessner, Chairman
Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut
13 Crow Hill Road
Uncasville, CT 06382

SUBJECT: STATE OF CONNECTICUT FINAL APPLICATION TO ASSUME REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER CERTAIN RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS CURRENTLY HELD BY THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Dear Chairman Gessner:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Agreement State Program allows a State to assume regulatory authority for some types of nuclear material after review and approval of the State's program by the NRC. States assume the authority to review and issue licenses and conduct inspections to ensure safety and security for activities involving these materials. By letter dated October 31, 2024, the Governor of Connecticut submitted its formal request to the NRC to ask for an Agreement with the NRC to regulate certain types of radioactive materials (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. [ML24306A079](#)). By letter dated November 1, 2024 ([ML24351A070](#)), Connecticut submitted their final application available at [ML24311A018](#), [ML24311A026](#), [ML24311A029](#), [ML24311A030](#), [ML24311A044](#), [ML24319A210](#), and [ML24319A211](#).

The NRC is informing your Tribe of this action in accordance with our Tribal Policy Statement at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/state-tribal/tps.html>. Additional information on the Connecticut Agreement process and links to NRC and Connecticut documents related to the Agreement application process can be found on our website at <https://www.nrc.gov/agreement-states/connecticut/connecticut-agreement-process.html>. We periodically update this website at each milestone in the Agreement process and provide links to documents related to the Agreement.

The NRC approves an Agreement after finding the State's radiation control program is adequate to protect public health and safety and compatible with the NRC's nuclear materials program. Under the proposed Connecticut Agreement, the State would assume regulatory authority over byproduct material, source material and special nuclear material less than critical mass quantities at 104 academic, commercial and medical facilities across the State.

In compliance with the Commission's policy⁴, the NRC staff prepared a draft assessment of the State's final application and anticipates publishing the draft assessment and draft Agreement in the *Federal Register*. We will inform you when the *Federal Register* notice is published to afford you the opportunity to provide comments. If an Agreement is finalized, the NRC will discontinue its regulatory authority over radioactive materials covered under the Agreement. The NRC will

⁴ NRC Statement of Policy was published in the *Federal Register*, on January 23, 1981 (46 FR 7540-7546), a correction was published on July 16, 1981 (46 FR 36969) and a revision of Criterion 9 was published in the *Federal Register*, on July 21, 1983 (48 FR 33376).

then transfer regulatory authority and related licenses to the State of Connecticut on the effective date of the Agreement.

If you would like additional opportunities to discuss the Agreement State Program and Connecticut's proposed program, please contact Ms. Huda Akhavannik or Mr. Duncan White in the State Agreements and Liaison Programs Branch by e-mail at Huda.Akhavannik@nrc.gov or Duncan.White@nrc.gov, respectively.

Sincerely,



Signed by Morgan, Nadiyah
on 01/15/25

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