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RE: Docket No. NRC-2026-1387

State of Indiana: NRC Staff Assessment of a Proposed Agreement Between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Indiana

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Organization of Agreement States (OAS) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed Agreement between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the State of Indiana under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act. OAS supports Indiana becoming an Agreement State.

Agreement States play a critical role within the National Materials Program (NMP) by providing regulatory oversight that protects public health and safety while supporting consistency and compatibility across jurisdictions. The Agreement State structure has historically demonstrated that states can effectively implement and administer radioactive materials programs while maintaining compatibility with NRC requirements and contributing valuable operational and implementation perspectives.

The NRC staff assessment concludes that Indiana's proposed Radioactive Materials Control Program within the Indiana Department of Homeland Security is adequate to protect public health and safety and compatible with the NRC regulatory program for the regulation of Agreement materials. OAS notes that the staff assessment found Indiana has established the organizational structure, personnel qualifications, training, inspection and licensing procedures, enforcement authorities, and regulatory framework necessary to assume Agreement State responsibilities. Further, Indiana has adopted regulations compatible with applicable NRC requirements and has committed to resolving the limited compatibility items identified during the staff review process. These commitments demonstrate an ongoing dedication to maintaining a program that supports both adequacy and compatibility objectives.

OAS also recognizes the importance of Indiana's efforts in developing qualified staff and participating in training and cooperative activities with NRC personnel. Such early engagement supports a successful transition and reflects the collaborative principles that are fundamental to the National Materials Program.

Bringing Indiana into the Agreement State program strengthens the partnership between the NRC and states by expanding state participation and incorporating additional regulatory and operational expertise into the broader national framework. Agreement States provide important

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implementation perspectives that can improve communication, identify practical considerations early, and support effective and efficient regulatory oversight.

Based on the NRC staff assessment and Indiana's demonstrated commitment to maintaining an adequate and compatible program, OAS supports approval of Indiana's request to become an Agreement State.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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