



**Frank Keating**  
Governor

December 28, 1999

Richard Meserve, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20853-2738

Dear Chairman Meserve:

Please accept this formal request to establish an Agreement between the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Oklahoma, as authorized under Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (as amended), and the Oklahoma Radiation Management Act. Under this Agreement, the Commission will discontinue, and Oklahoma will assume, certain regulatory authority for radioactive materials now under federal jurisdiction. As provided for under the Oklahoma Radiation Management Act, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is the agency responsible for implementation of the Agreement. Specific authority requested is described in the proposed Agreement in the enclosed documents.

I certify that the State of Oklahoma wants to assume regulatory authority and oversight responsibility for such materials, and that the State of Oklahoma has an adequate program for the control of radiation hazards covered by this proposed Agreement. Enclosed is information describing Oklahoma's radiation control program and regulatory capabilities, as well as a copy of our radiation control laws and rules.

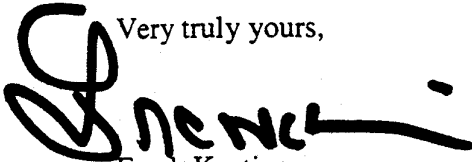
Oklahoma appreciates the efforts of NRC staff in cooperating to help Oklahoma prepare for this important responsibility. Particular thanks are warranted for staff from NRC's Office of State Programs and from the NRC Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

Should changes or additions to this document be necessary to achieve final approval, please work with the Radiation Management Section staff of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality to complete them. Mike Broderick is designated the principal contact on this matter. Mr. Broderick is appointed to replace H. A. Caves as State Liaison Officer to the NRC.

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It is important to us to complete this process as soon as possible. We would prefer to reach Agreement Status in the Summer of 2000. In any case, we would appreciate your efforts in helping us complete this process no later than September 30, 2000.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Keating". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "F" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Frank Keating  
Governor of Oklahoma

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Enclosures