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Mr. Tom O'Brien Office of State Programs USNRC Washington, DC 20555-0001

Attn: D. Sollenberger

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

This is in reply to your request for information as presented in letter SP-99-074.

For question 42 concerning definitions, I am enclosing Subpart A.O of our regulations which contains all formally defined terms as used in the state's Rules and Regulations for the Control of Radiation including those pertaining to waste, disposal, release, etc.

Regarding question 43, the status of release criteria is unchanged from that denoted in the table included with SP-99-074. Criteria contained in the 1987 NRC Guidelines for Contamination of Facilities and Equipment have been used for ordinary license terminations. However, there have been no occasions which would require more specialized release criteria such as for soils or other bulk materials. For that purpose, the best available NRC or other recognized release criteria would serve as guidance for state actions.

Please let me know if any additional information or clarification is desired.

Very truly yours,

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