December 22, 1999

The Honorable Parris N. Glendening
Governor of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Glendening:

In 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors' Association, that we request each State to appoint a single person to act as liaison to NRC for the purpose of improving Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers to provide a communication channel between the States and the NRC, to be the key person in the State to keep the Governor completely informed on nuclear regulatory and related public health and safety matters, and to provide NRC with answers to questions posed to the States on particular issues.

I am writing to request the continued participation of the State of Maryland in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. It is my understanding that the most recent State Liaison Officer, Merrylin Zaw-Mon, Director of the Air and Radiation Management Administration in the Maryland Department of the Environment, has left her position and has been replaced by Ann Marie DeBiase. The NRC will continue to work with Ms. DeBiase, unless you inform us of a new choice, and we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Ms. DeBiase. At the same time, we will maintain our ties to various individuals in State agencies with whom we have established relationships on specific issues.

The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Maryland in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. I hope that you share the Commission's belief in the value of this program. If you or your staff have any questions or wish additional information, please contact Paul H. Lohaus, Director of NRC's Office of State Programs in Headquarters at 301-415-3340 or Robert Bores, our Region I State Liaison Officer, at 610-337-5213.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ann Marie DeBiase