

January 21, 2000

The Honorable David Ronald Musgrove
Governor of Mississippi
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Governor Musgrove:

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 Mississippi in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. Former Governor Fordice appointed Robert W. Goff, Director of Radiological Health in the Mississippi Department of Health, as Mississippi's State Liaison Officer. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Goff unless you inform us of a new choice, and we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Goff. 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 Mississippi in the NRC' 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 E. Trojanowski, our Region II State Liaison Officer, at 404-562-4427.

I look forward to continuing our excellent working relationship with the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely,

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cc: Robert W. Goff