

March 6, 2000

The Honorable Benjamin J. Cayetano
Governor of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Cayetano:

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.

It is my understanding that the most recent State Liaison Officer, James K. Ikeda, Administrator of the Environmental Health Services Division in the Hawaii Department of Health, has retired and been replaced by Jerry Y. Haruno. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Haruno and unless you choose a new State Liaison Officer, and we will keep you informed of our programs and activities through Mr. Haruno. At the same time, we will continue to work with 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 Hawaii in the NRC's State Liaison Officer 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 Charles A. Hackney, our Region IV State Liaison Officer, at 817-860-8267.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jerry Y. Haruno