March 28, 2016

The Honorable Charlie Baker Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker:

On February 27, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a letter requesting your appointment of a State Liaison Officer (SLO) to act as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's primary liaison to the NRC. A copy of this letter is enclosed. To date we have not received an appointment letter from your office; however, the NRC has continued to work with the SLO appointed by a former governor: Mr. John Giarrusso, Section Chief for Planning, Nuclear, and Preparedness in the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. To ensure continued clear communication between the NRC and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I would appreciate receiving your written affirmation of Mr. Giarrusso or another individual as your selected appointee as SLO for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

If you or your staff have any questions concerning this correspondence or wish to obtain additional information about the SLO program, please contact Mr. Daniel Collins, Director, Division of Material Safety, State, Tribal, and Rulemaking Programs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, at (301) 415-3340 or by e-mail at <u>Daniel.Collins@nrc.gov</u>.

I thank you in advance for your assistance. The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the NRC's SLO program.

Sincerely,

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Stephen G. Burns

Enclosure: As stated

cc: John Giarrusso, Jr., Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency