

March 31, 2016

The Honorable Sam Brownback
Governor of Kansas
Topeka, KS 66612-1590

Dear Governor Brownback:

In 1976, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that each State appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC to help improve Federal/State cooperation. The NRC looks to the Governor-appointed State Liaison Officer to be the primary communication channel between the State and the NRC. The State Liaison Officer serves as the key person in the State to keep the Governor and other State agencies informed about issues under the NRC's jurisdiction (specifically matters addressing nuclear regulation, nuclear security, nuclear emergency preparedness, and radiological public health and safety) and to provide the NRC with State information on particular nuclear safety, security, and environmental issues.

I am writing to request the continued participation of the State of Kansas in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. It is my understanding that the most recent State Liaison Officer, Mr. Thomas A. Conley, has been replaced by Ms. Kimberly S. Steves, Director of the Radiation Control Program in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The NRC will continue to work with Ms. Steves to keep you informed of our programs and activities; however, to ensure continued clear communication between the NRC and the State of Kansas, I would appreciate receiving your written affirmation of Ms. Steves, or another individual as your selected appointee as State Liaison Officer for the State of Kansas.

I am providing you with a copy of the NRC brochure entitled, "State Liaison Officer Program," which provides background information on, and describes the role of, the State Liaison Officer. I am also enclosing a copy of the NRC "2015-2016 Information Digest," which provides information describing the NRC's mission and its regulatory programs.

If you or your staff have any questions concerning this correspondence or wish to obtain additional information about the State Liaison Officer 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 Daniel.Collins@nrc.gov.

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I thank you in advance for your assistance. The Commission looks forward to the continued participation by the State of Kansas in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program.

Sincerely,

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Stephen G. Burns

Enclosures:

1. NRC Brochure,
"State Liaison Officer Program"
2. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
2015-2016 Information Digest,
NUREG-1350, Volume 27

cc: w/o enclosures

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