

March 31, 2016

The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor of West Virginia
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Governor Tomblin:

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 West Virginia in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program. The NRC has been working with Mr. Jason Frame, Radiological Health Program Chief in the West Virginia Office of Environmental Health Services, to keep you informed of our programs and activities. The NRC will continue to work with Mr. Frame; however, to ensure continued clear communication between the NRC and the State of West Virginia, I would appreciate your written affirmation of Mr. Frame, or another individual as your selected appointee as State Liaison Officer for the State of West Virginia.

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 West Virginia in the NRC's State Liaison Officer program.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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

Jason Frame, West Virginia Department
of Health and Human Resources