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Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

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Chairman Nils J. Diaz
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Diaz:

Upon the recommendation of the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), I request relinquishment of the sealed source and device evaluation authority currently granted RIDOH and assumption of this authority by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In order to provide for an orderly assumption of this authority, I recommend an effective date of July 1, 2006.

Rhode Island has performed sealed source and device evaluations on a very limited basis and it is not likely that devices requiring evaluation will be produced in Rhode Island in the near future. We are committed to maintaining an adequate program that is compatible with that of the NRC. However, it was clear during our last NRC Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program review that it has become increasingly difficult for Rhode Island to maintain the appropriate training and experience necessary to perform this function. We cannot justify the State's investment in staff training and program maintenance in light of the limited demand for this individual component.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

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