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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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The Honorable Ned Lamont
Governor of Connecticut
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of December 10, 2020, in which you express your intent to pursue an agreement between the NRC and the State of Connecticut pursuant to Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. We appreciate your early communication of your intent to pursue such an agreement. The NRC staff is available to provide guidance to the State of Connecticut in the State's development of an application.

As required by the Act, the NRC staff will review the application and conduct an assessment of the compatibility of the Connecticut program with the NRC's program and the adequacy of Connecticut's program to protect public health and safety with respect to the materials covered by the proposed agreement. After its review, the NRC staff will provide the results of its assessment to the Commission. If the Commission approves the proposed agreement, the NRC will publish the text and a summary of its assessment in the *Federal Register* for public comment. The Act requires that the proposed agreement be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks. After expiration of the comment period, the Commission will consider any comments received and make a final decision on the request. You will be notified promptly of the decision, and the NRC staff will coordinate with Connecticut staff to establish an effective date for the agreement, and Connecticut would assume regulatory authority over the acquisition, possession, use, transfer, and disposal of the materials identified in the agreement.

The Commission welcomes the State's interest in becoming an Agreement State and looks forward to the continued collegial relationship that the NRC and the State of Connecticut have enjoyed in the past.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristine L. Svinicki".

Kristine L. Svinicki

cc: Jeffery Semancik