

Arkansas Department of Health

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Theresa V. Clark, Deputy Director Division of Materials Safety, Security, State and Tribal Programs Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission T8-E18 Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Clark:

Enclosed is a copy of Arkansas Act 315 of 2019. This Act is to "eliminate unnecessary references to regulations throughout the Arkansas Code" and to "provide for consistent references to rules throughout the Arkansas Code." This Act will require our Program to amend all rules, license conditions, etc. to remove use of the word "regulation" and replace with "rule."

We are requesting a review of this Act to determine if the aforementioned change can occur as part of a proposed rule without an NRC review of each of the affected provisions, regardless of the Compatibility Category.

We believe that adoption of such revisions should still satisfy the compatibility and health and safety categories established in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Procedure SA-200.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (501) 661-2301 [Bernard.Bevill@arkansas.gov] or Angela Minden of my staff at (501) 661-2528 [Angela.Minden@arkansas.gov].

Sincerely,

Bernard (Bernie) Bevill, Section Chief Radiation Control Section Arkansas Department of Health

Enclosures:

As stated

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