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Dear Mr. Gallian and Mr. Gray:

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To assist you in your objective, we have forwarded your letter to Mr. Shane Johnson in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Nuclear Energy Science and Technology. If you desire, you can contact Mr. Johnson at 301-903-3860, and he can provide you with information regarding DOE's current activities related to nuclear power plants. If you have any questions regarding the mission of the NRC please contact James E. Lyons, Director, New Reactor Licensing Project Office at 301-415-1126 or our Office of Public Affairs at 301-415-8200.

Sincerely,

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Samuel J. Collins, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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