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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)
FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE (FAC)

Job Code: J3017

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Project J3017 is being funded from monies dispersed as a result of the enactment of Public Law (P.L.) 107-117, "Department of Defense and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States Act, 2002." It is designed to address issues associated with on-shift and augmentation staffing needed to respond to a radiological emergency at nuclear power plants. It specifically includes a revisit of NUREG-0654, Table B-1, "Minimum Staffing Requirements for NRC Licensees for Nuclear Power Plant Emergencies," in light of the current threat environment, and in light of any revision to the Design Basis Threat (DBT), security requirements and vulnerabilities as a result of current reviews being conducted in parallel. It also includes the appropriate incorporation of the results of evaluations for a spectrum of events, including security threats and fast-breaking events encompassing all modes and types of plants.

We understand that upon receipt of this certification and its subsequent review, the three percent FAC will be waived for the duration of the project, including any incremental funding.

Questions concerning this request should be addressed to the NRC Project Manager for this contract, Debra A. Schneck, at (301) 415-3079. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
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