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MEMORANDUM TO: SFPO Staff Members

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF INTERIM STAFF GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM NO. 18,
THE DESIGN/QUALIFICATION OF FINAL CLOSURE WELDS ON
AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL CANISTERS AS CONFINEMENT
BOUNDARY FOR SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND CONTAINMENT
BOUNDARY FOR SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTATION

Attached is the Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO) Director's Interim Staff Guidance Document No. 18 (ISG-18) entitled "The Design/Qualification of Final Closure Welds on Austenitic Stainless Steel Canisters as Confinement Boundary for Spent Fuel Storage and Containment Boundary for Spent Fuel Transportation" for your information and use when conducting reviews of spent fuel transport, independent spent fuel storage installations (ISFSI), and storage cask applications and amendments. This ISG provides guidance for reviewers on meeting the confinement and containment requirements of 10 CFR Part 72 and 10 CFR Part 71, respectively.

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