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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF THE H. B. ROBINSON, UNIT 2, INDEPENDENT
SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
(TAC NO. L23716)

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This letter is to inform you that your application meets the requirements of 10 CFR 72.42(c) for timely renewal and contains the necessary information for the NRC staff to begin its review. In separate correspondence, we will inform you of our schedule for completion of the technical and environmental review. If you have any questions regarding our review, please contact me at (301) 415-1179.

Sincerely,

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