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Dear Ms. Becker:

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My staff and I have carefully considered the comments you made during your presentation and those you relayed from volunteers from the reactor community. Your candid remarks have re-sensitized us and will help us focus our outreach activities to more actively engage the public, particularly the local communities. We view the regulation of nuclear power plants as the public's business and, as such, it should be transacted openly and candidly in order to engender the public's confidence.

I hope that you have benefitted from the Conference as much as we have benefitted from your participation. I hope that you came away with an appreciation of the deep commitment that the staff has to protect public health and safety and the environment. I also hope that you share your Conference experiences with the reactor community in the same way as you have shared their concerns with us.

I also want to thank you for your thoughtful email following the Conference. I realize that the public living around nuclear power plants have concerns and that these can be emotional issues. Because of our responsibility to protect public health and safety, we take these concerns very seriously and it is important to us that we maintain a dialogue with you on these safety issues.

Sincerely,

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