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We have been in contact with your staff to provide technical assistance in this area, and we will continue to do so, as requested. We are aware that RHB has not adopted the License Termination Rule, and we would like to know how RHB is currently addressing license termination issues similar to the site addressed in the Senator's letter. We would also like to know if RHB intends to adopt the License Termination Rule and the schedule for promulgating a compatible regulation.

If you have any questions on this correspondence, please contact me at phl@nrc.gov, or Terry Brock of my staff at tab2@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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