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Dear Mr. Sandoval:

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The NRC continues work on the security assessments of transportation casks. We currently anticipate that the studies will be completed by the end of the year. Once the results from these studies are available, NRC will determine if regulatory changes are necessary. Any changes to the regulations would be conducted through a public rulemaking process. The petition resolution will be addressed in a Federal Register notice. If there are any substantive changes in the status of your petition, we will contact your office.

Should you have any questions, please contact Naiem Tanious of my staff. Mr. Tanious is the new project manager for PRM 73-10 and may be reached at (301) 415-6103.

Sincerely,

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