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NUCLEAR FUEL FROM GAITHERSBURG, MD, TO AIKEN, SC (NRC ROUTE
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If you allow the current route approved to expire but intend to use this route in the future, please submit a request to renew the route approval at least 90 days before you intend to use the route. In submitting your request, please verify that all contact information is correct and up-to-date. Upon request, a standard format and content guide can be provided for use in submitting your renewal request. Please feel free to contact me at 301-415-6623 or at pkp@nrc.gov; or Ms. Gloria Bennington at 301-415-8183 or at gmb@nrc.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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