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SUBJECT: EXPIRATION NOTIFICATION OF PART 71 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

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The NRC urges you to plan accordingly to avoid complications and to address your future transportation needs that may arise in this transition period. No response to this letter is necessary. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or Jessica Umaña of my staff at 301-415-8500.

Sincerely,

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