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STATE LIAISON OFFICERS AND RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS FOR THE STATES OF TEXAS AND FLORIDA

ISSUANCE OF ORDERS IMPLEMENTING CONVERSION TO LOW ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL FOR THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TRIGA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA RESEARCH REACTORS (RCPD-06-032)

Purpose: This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing the enclosed Orders (Enclosure 1) with respect to implementing conversion from Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) Fuel to Low Enriched Uranium (LEU) fuel at the Texas A&M University TRIGA and University of Florida research reactors.

Background: Under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.64, enacted by the Commission in furtherance of the national non-proliferation policies, research and test reactors are to take steps to convert from HEU fuel to LEU fuel. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is the lead agency for converting research and test reactors to LEU fuel, and the NRC has been working with DOE to facilitate their effort. Each licensee authorized to use HEU fuel is required to submit a proposal and schedule for this conversion. The NRC conducts an independent safety evaluation of these proposals to ensure the conversions are consistent with the protection of the public health and safety. All licensees are required to respond to the Order within twenty (20) days of receipt.

NRC Point of Contact: If you have any questions or require additional information related to compliance with the requirements in the enclosed Order, please contact the following individual:

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