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Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: Docket No. 50-238; License No. NS-1; N.S. SAVANNAH
Notification of Drydocking Contract Award to BAE Systems, Norfolk, Virginia

This letter provides notice that the Maritime Administration (MARAD), acting through its General Agent, Keystone Shipping Services of Bala Cynwyd, PA, has awarded a contract for maintenance drydocking and general topside repairs of the Nuclear Ship SAVANNAH (NSS) to BAE Systems, Norfolk Ship Repair (BAE). The effective date of the contract award was August 31, 2007, with written confirmation completed on September 7, 2007. The expected availability of the drydock facility is on or about December 13, 2007; however, MARAD has agreed to extend that date to January 2008 if BAE is successful in obtaining other drydocking contracts currently being solicited. The drydocking performance period is expected to be 50 days. MARAD will keep NRC apprised of the actual drydocking schedule as it develops.

The NSS is presently located at BAE under a commercial layberthing contract that was executed at the end of May 2007, and will remain layberthed at BAE until the drydocking is performed. Accordingly, the move of the NSS from the layberth into the drydock will be an internal shift of the vessel within the BAE facility. The BAE facility is located within the geographic boundary covered by the Norfolk and Hampton Roads Port Operating Plan.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding this activity. I can be reached by email at erhard.koehler@dot.gov and/or at (202) 366-2631.

Respectfully,

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