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Captain Lester Moore, USN
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Dear Captain Moore:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I want to thank you for allowing Mr. Benjamin Nerud to participate on the Independent External Review Panel to Identify Vulnerabilities in the NRC's Materials Licensing Program. The Panel, which was formed in response to a recommendation from NRC's Office of the Inspector General and a subsequent U.S. Government Accountability Office investigation, was charged with identifying vulnerabilities and recommending mitigating measures. The Panel performed a thorough and comprehensive review of the NRC's radioactive materials licensing program in a very short period of time and provided solid recommendations that the NRC will use to improve its licensing program.

The Commission sincerely appreciates your support of the NRC's efforts to improve its radioactive materials licensing and security programs and Mr. Nerud's significant contributions to this important task.

Sincerely,

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Dale E. Klein

cc: Benjamin W. Nerud, Panel Member