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In summary, it is important to recognize that the NRC does not certify or approve vendors to supply parts or services to the nuclear power industry. The NRC inspects a select sample of vendors for compliance with our regulations and conducts oversight of the process used by licensees to approve vendors. As such, the NRC is unable to support your request for funding to verify manufacturing systems and processes at Über Precision Manufacturing.

Thank you for your interest in exploring alternative approaches to verifying the quality of parts and services provided to the domestic nuclear power industry. If you have any comments or questions regarding this response, please contact myself or John Nakoski at (301) 415-1068.

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