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COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
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Should you have any questions regarding the environmental review, please contact Mallecia Hood, the Environmental Project Manager for the Bellefonte COL application at (301) 415-0673 or by e-mail at [mallecia.hood@nrc.gov](mailto:mallecia.hood@nrc.gov).

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