

December 17, 2010

Dr. Said Abdel-Khalik, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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STORAGE SYSTEM LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE
(NUREG-1927)

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The staff appreciates the Committee's support for this SRP and looks forward to continued dialogue on the technical bases supporting extended dry storage of spent nuclear fuel.

Sincerely,

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