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Good afternoon. Although we still don't know whether or not the federal government will shut down, we are continuing to monitor closely Congressional decisions with respect to funding government operations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

If a shutdown were to occur at the end of this week, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission would continue to operate for approximately one additional week. Employees would report to work as normal during that period. Although we would be reducing training, travel, and other expenses during that week, we would continue to fulfill our mission and provide our services to the public. One benefit of being able to continue to operate over the next few weeks is that it allows the agency to conduct the annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) and to interact with both domestic and international stakeholders. This means that we intend to conduct the RIC as planned, March 8-10. There may be fewer staff attending from the Regions and the Technical Training Center, but we should be able to obtain most of the benefits that many of you have labored long to achieve during the past year.

We know that there is a lot of employee concern and uneasiness concerning a potential furlough situation. In the past few days, the staff and managers across the agency have been busy brainstorming ideas on how best to serve our employees in addition to answering the many staff questions we have received. The Office of Human Resources (HR) is prepared to set up informational tables in common areas to listen to employee concerns and answer pressing questions that you may have.

We are deploying our HR specialists to the "front line" to serve as resources for you.

Please continue to send us your questions and we will post answers on the Office of the Executive Director for Operations SharePoint Site at <http://portal.nrc.gov/edo/staff/default.aspx>.

I will continue to keep you informed of the situation as it continues to

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develop. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this stressful period.

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