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The Honorable Allison M. Macfarlane
Chairman, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Macfarlane:

I would like to personally thank you and the professional members of your staff for your outstanding support and contributions to an important initiative of the Secretary of Energy. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) augmented the Department of Energy (DOE) subject matter experts in the conduct of an Extent of Condition Review (ECR) at several Category I Special Nuclear Material facilities within the DOE following the July 28, 2012, Plowshares Incursion at Y-12.

Ralph Way, Joseph Willis, Michael Buckley, and John VandenBerghe, of your staff, worked closely with and provided superior insight and expertise that significantly enhanced the overall results of the ECR. The results of the ECR were briefed to the Secretary of Energy in December 2012 and the results clearly reflect the extensive workload and the expertise required to complete this project in such a relative short time. This significant achievement was made possible in part due to the professional attitude and approach of the NRC security experts that supported this review.

We deeply appreciate the close collaboration between DOE and the NRC on this and other matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn S. Podonsky", is written over the typed name and title.

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