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The NRC agrees that this will be a very beneficial opportunity to coordinate and validate existing interagency cooperation, communications, and support arrangements with the CNSC. We look forward to strengthening our existing plans and procedures through these forthcoming endeavors. As the specific details for observing the exercise are finalized, please feel free to contact me, the Director of the Division of Preparedness and Response, Office of Nuclear Security Incident Response at (301) 287-3779.

Sincerely,

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