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Thank you for sharing this latest round of questions. I trust that the information provided will be beneficial to you. We look forward to continued bilateral and multilateral cooperation on these important issues. If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-8076 or via e-mail at Lawrence.Burkhart@nrc.gov.

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