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We are currently reviewing your basis for contesting the above NCV. The NRC seeks to be thorough and timely in the review of licensee responses. Accordingly, we will inform you as soon as we complete our evaluation.

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