January 28, 2016

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman, Committee on Energy
and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Commission, I am transmitting the December 2015 monthly status report on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) activities and use of unobligated carryover funds appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund. This report describes NRC activities in December 2015 to address the remand by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in the case *In re Aiken County* regarding the licensing process for the U.S. Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain license application.

Please feel free to contact me or Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at 301-415-1776, if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Stephen G. Burns

Enclosure:
As stated

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