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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
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March 22, 2016

The Honorable Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Washington, D.C. 20546-0001

Dear Mr. Bolden:

Your letter of February 24, 2016, requested the name of a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff member to serve as the NRC's technical advisor to the Interagency Nuclear Safety Review Panel (INSRP) for the Mars 2020 mission. I designate Mr. Donald Helton as NRC's technical advisor for this INSRP. Mr. Helton's resume is provided in the enclosure. He may be reached at (301) 415-1545, and his email address is Donald.Helton@nrc.gov.

We look forward to helping the National Aeronautics and Space Administration ensure the safe launch of the Mars 2020 rover as you address questions of habitability and the potential origin and evolution of life on Mars.

Please contact me or Donald Helton at (301) 415-1545 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Weber".

Michael F. Weber
Director of Nuclear Regulatory Research

Enclosure:
As stated