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Mr. Douglas Ekeren,
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-03235/2016-001 AND
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

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cc: State of South Dakota, Radiation Control Program Director

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