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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
AND SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT FOR PROPOSED
DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT AT ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, GEORGIA**

Dear Mr. Matos:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is requesting your comments regarding the enclosed draft Environmental Assessment and Safety Evaluation Report for Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Georgia.

The Department of the Air Force (the licensee) submitted a proposed decommissioning plan to the NRC by Memorandum dated March 21, 2017, as revised on June 13, 2017. The licensee planned to use the instructions provided in the decommissioning plan to remediate residual depleted uranium from Building 181 at Robins Air Force Base. Copies of the decommissioning plan can be downloaded from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) using Accession Numbers ML17094A481 (original submittal) and ML17167A421 (revised submittal).

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) 51.30 (10 CFR 51.30), the NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment to provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement or a Finding of No Significant Impact. If you have any comments about the enclosed draft Environmental Assessment, please provide them within 30 days of the date of this letter, so they may be fully considered in the development of the final document. In addition, the draft Safety Evaluation Report is also enclosed for your review and consideration. The final Environmental Assessment and Safety Evaluation Report will be used to support the NRC's licensing decision.

Please note that the enclosed Environmental Assessment and Safety Evaluation Report are pre-decisional, sensitive internal information and are being withheld from public inspection. Please do not release the information provided in the enclosures to the public without prior NRC approval.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's Agency "Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter (but not the enclosures) will be made available electronically for public

inspection in the NRC Public Document Room in the NRC's ADAMS, accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Dr. Robert Evans, Senior Health Physicist, at 817-200-1234 or the undersigned at 817-200-1455.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Enclosures:

1. Environmental Assessment (Official Use Only-Sensitive Internal Information)
2. Safety Evaluation Report (Official Use Only-Sensitive Internal Information)

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