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SUBJECT: THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION RECEIPT OF WHITE PAPER, "ENSURING THE FUTURE OF U.S. NUCLEAR ENERGY: CREATING A STREAMLINED AND PREDICTABLE LICENSING PATHWAY TO DEPLOYMENT," DATED JANUARY 23, 2018

Dear Ms. Korsnick:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received your letter (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. [ML18030A769](#)) dated January 23, 2018. We appreciate your letter and the contribution the attached paper represents to the ongoing dialogue on the regulatory environment for advanced reactors. As discussed in SECY-18-0011, "Advanced Reactor Program Status," dated January 25, 2018, the agency is engaged in many of the areas you suggested as part of its efforts to prepare for effective, efficient, and predictable review of advanced reactor designs. The NRC staff looks forward to continued dialogue with stakeholders on these and other topics related to advanced reactor licensing as we continue to update our review processes.

On January 25, 2018, the NRC formed a transformation team that is focused on transformation that enables the agency to more effectively and efficiently regulate the safe and secure use of new technologies, such as accident-tolerant fuel, new materials, small modular reactors, and advanced non-light water reactors. I have forwarded your letter to our transformation team for their consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hayes at (301) 415-7442 or via e-mail at [Barbara.Hayes@nrc.gov](mailto:Barbara.Hayes@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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