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SUBJECT: WESTERN NUCLEAR INCORPORATED'S SUBMISSION OF THE 2016
FINANCIAL SURETY UPDATE FOR WESTERN NUCLEAR INCORPORATED'S
SPLIT ROCK, WYOMING SITE

Dear Mr. Corte:

By letter dated September 26, 2017, Western Nuclear Inc. (WNI) submitted the 2017 financial surety update for WNI's Split Rock, Wyoming site (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML17279A141).

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has evaluated WNI's 2017 surety update and has concluded that it adequately reflects the decommissioning activities, unit costs, a contingency factor, long-term surveillance fees, and financial assurance mechanism as required by Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 40, Appendix A, Criterion 9, 10, and License Condition 29. The staff's evaluation can be found in the enclosed technical evaluation report. Based on this review, the staff has amended radioactive materials license SUA-56 LC 29 to reflect the updated surety amount. In addition, License Condition 76 was also amended to reflect the current correct address for correspondence concerning the license. A copy of the revised license is also enclosed.

An environmental assessment was not performed for this action as it is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10)(i).

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

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Technical Evaluation Report
2. License Amendment 110

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