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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF "RECOGNITION OF NR AND NR-VR NATIONAL BOARD  
ACCREDITATION PROGRAM," FOR FINAL U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY  
COMMISSION ENDORSEMENT

Dear Mr. Scribner:

In a letter dated October 11, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16286A162), your organization requested a fee waiver under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 170.11(a)(1)(ii) for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory (NRC) staff's review of "Recognition of NR and NR-VR National Board Accreditation Program," for final NRC endorsement. Subsequently, in a letter dated December 6, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16307A066), the NRC staff concluded that the NRC review of "Recognition of NR and NR-VR National Board Accreditation Program," for final NRC endorsement met all the criteria under 10 CFR 170.11(a)(1)(ii); and approved your fee waiver request.

After careful consideration, the NRC staff has decided not to move forward with the endorsement of the NR and NR-VR National Board Accreditation Program. The decision is based on the following factors:

1. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code already provides several options to repair components under Section III, "Rules for Construction of Nuclear Facility Components," in addition to Code Case N-801-1, "Rules for repair of N-Stamped Class 1, 2, and 3 Components, Section III, Division 1."
2. Stakeholders (e.g., owners, repair organizations, etc.), have not shown any interest in the NRC's endorsement of this program.
3. There are currently only two units under construction with no plans for any new future construction.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Yamir Diaz-Castillo at 301-415-2228, or via electronic mail at [Yamir.Diaz-Castillo@nrc.gov](mailto:Yamir.Diaz-Castillo@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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