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Dear Dr. Cochran:

I am responding to Dr. Robert Weisenmiller's letter of February 19, 2019, in which he provided comments on behalf of the California State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) regarding the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Transformation Initiative SECY-18-0060: "Achieving Modern Risk-Informed Regulation." The NRC appreciates the Energy Commission's interest in our initiative.

As Dr. Weisenmiller indicated in his letter, the NRC's most critical role is the protection of public health, safety, and the environment. I can assure you that the NRC will continue to meet its mission while considering transformational changes to our regulatory approaches.

The NRC staff obtained significant public input to inform SECY-18-0060. Specifically, the NRC's Transformation Team (the Team) undertook extensive outreach with external stakeholders, including representatives of the nuclear industry, other Federal agencies, nongovernmental representatives, former government officials, international regulators, innovative private entities, and the public. The outreach to Agreement States included a call with Agreement State representatives to discuss the agency's Transformation Initiative. The Team also hosted a public discussion session at the 2018 Regulatory Information Conference that was open to all conference attendees and streamed on the internet.

The recommendations in SECY-18-0060, which are currently under consideration by the Commission, are the beginning of the NRC's consideration of transformational changes to its regulatory approaches. As such, there will be additional opportunities for stakeholders to provide their perspectives on many of the issues, if approved by the Commission, as well as other regulatory changes proposed in the future. The NRC is committed to continuously seeking transformative and innovative ideas to ensure our continued effectiveness and efficiency in regulating the commercial use of radioactive material.

We are committed to engaging stakeholders as we develop transformative initiatives and welcome your future participation as we seek input on the agency's transformation initiatives.

Sincerely,

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LETTER TO JUSTIN COCHRAN REGARDING COMMENTS ON THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE SECY-18-0060: ACHIEVING MODERN RISK-INFORMED REGULATION; Dated: JUNE 26, 2019

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