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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

April 9, 2019

The Honorable John A. Barrasso
Chairman, Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), as required by the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA), I am submitting this report on the guidance on the baseline examination schedule and subsequent examination frequency for baffle-former bolts in pressurized-water reactors with down-flow configurations. The NRC has determined that no revisions to its guidance are necessary; therefore the Commission is providing a report pursuant to Section 104(b)(2) of NEIMA describing the basis for this conclusion.

Please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776, if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KS", written over a blue horizontal line.

Kristine L. Svinicki

Enclosure:
Report on Baffle-Former
Bolt Guidance

cc: Senator Thomas R. Carper

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