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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 17-18, 2019, MEETING BETWEEN  
THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF AND  
OKLO, INC., TO DISCUSS SAFETY CASE AND EXTERNAL  
HAZARDS (EPID LRM-0011)

A meeting was held on December 17-18, 2019, between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and representatives from Oklo, Inc. (Oklo) at the NRC offices at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Rooms 11-B04 and 14-D03. The meeting was a combination of a public Category 2 meeting and non-public meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Oklo's safety case and plans for addressing external hazards.

The public portion of the meeting commenced with an introduction to Oklo and its Aurora reactor. Oklo provided information on the Aurora design, including key design features, size, fuel, and safety case. Oklo also discussed the impact of the safety case on the external hazards methodology. A summary of the discussion in each area is provided in the paragraphs below.

### Safety Case

Oklo's safety case is based on a maximum credible accident (MCA) which assumes the single most challenging failure. To accomplish this, Oklo plans to rely on a deterministic analysis and utilize insights from a probabilistic risk analysis. The MCA for the Oklo Aurora design is a complete loss of heat sink. Because of the small size of the Aurora reactor, Oklo asserts that the MCA is mitigated by the inherent features of the design (i.e., small source term, low power density, and negative thermal reactivity coefficients). The NRC staff noted that it would examine the Oklo safety analysis and supporting data in detail during the review of the application.

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External Hazards

Oklo noted that due to the small size of the Aurora reactor, and the simple safety case, it plans to evaluate or bound the design against the most extreme external hazards across the U.S. for most event types that the reactor could be exposed to. The Oklo external hazards methodology relies on deterministic analyses to show the behavior of the facility against extreme external events. Oklo noted that this methodology obviates the need for further analysis typically done using the PRA. The NRC staff noted that its review of the Oklo application would determine whether this methodology is sufficient for addressing external hazards.

The meeting agenda and list of meeting attendees are included in Enclosures 1 and 2, respectively. The meeting notice and non-proprietary version of the meeting slides are located in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at accession numbers ML19334B312, and ML19344A003 respectively.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda
2. List of Attendees

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**AGENDA**

**Oklo, Inc. Open and Closed Meeting with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)**

**Safety Case and External Hazards**

**Tuesday December 17 – Wednesday December 18, 2019**

**One White Flint North 11-B04 and 14-D03**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Lead</b>
<b>Tuesday December 17, 2019 – OWFN 11-B04</b>		
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Introductions and Opening Remarks - Open to the Public	NRC/Oklo
1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Safety Case and External Hazards – Open to the Public	Oklo
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Opportunity for Public Questions for the NRC	NRC
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break	N/A
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Safety Case – Closed to the Public	Oklo
<b>Wednesday December 18, 2019 – OWFN 14-D03</b>		
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Safety Case continued – Closed to the Public	Oklo
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch	N/A
12:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	External Hazards – Closed to the Public	Oklo
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Wrap up and Adjourn	NRC/Oklo

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

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**Tuesday December 17, 2019**

**One White Flint North 11-B04**

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Everett, Pat	Oklo, Inc.
Redfoot, Emma	Oklo, Inc.
DeWitte, Jacob	Oklo, Inc.
Carpentier, Marcia	NRC/OGC
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Segala, John	NRC/NRR
Mazza, Jan	NRC/NRR
Beasley, Ben	NRC/NRR
Reckley, Bill	NRC/NRR
Stutzke, Martin	NRC/NRR
Schaaf, Robert	NRC/NMSS
White, Jason	NRC/NRR
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Kresk, Robert	NRC/OCM/JMB
Yeshnik, Andrew	NRC/NRR
Monninger, John	NRC/NRR
Schaperow, Jason	NRC/NRR
Lupold, Tim	NRC/NRR
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Corwin, Bill	DOE (phone)
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**Safety Case and External Hazards**

**Wednesday December 18, 2019**

**One White Flint North 14-D03**

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