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Mr. Carlton C. Kammerer
Director
Office of Congressional Affairs
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kammerer:

As you may be aware, The Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI) is currently under review by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board for renewal of a license to operate a nuclear research reactor on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center, in Bethesda, Maryland. A number of my constituents have become increasingly concerned about the reactor, most recently because of a reported accident at AFRRI and because the operating license is being considered for renewal.

One of my constituents has inquired about the procedures employed by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. Who will be preparing the NRC staff report on this facility? Is there a specific "project manager"? What is that individual's name and what are his or her qualifications?

I appreciate your taking the time to respond to this inquiry and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Barnes

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