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Subject: Amendment No. 42 to Renewed Facility Operating License No. R-37 for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Research Reactor regarding the Nuclear Safety System Digital Upgrade (EPDI No. L-2016-LLA-0003)

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Amendment No. 42 to Renewed Facility Operating License No. R-37 for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Research Reactor (MITR) on 4 December 2019 with an implementation deadline of 180 days. The MITR had planned to install the new Digital Nuclear Safety System during the month of April 2020.

Because of the ongoing restrictions with the COVID-19 pandemic, MIT is hereby requesting an additional 180 days to implement this amendment. Currently, MIT is closed with the exception of essential personnel, with a state-wide emergency order by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requiring closure of physical workspaces and facilities that do not provide COVID-19 essential services.

MIT is committed to this upgrade and will be making the license amendment transition a top priority once the declared state of emergency has been rescinded and MIT reopens for routine business.

Sincerely,

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 04/01/2020
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