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

July 27, 2020

The Honorable Betsy DeVos  
Secretary of Education  
U.S. Department of Education  
1990 K Street, NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I am responding to Johnathan Holifield's letter of April 22, 2020, and I am pleased to submit the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) fiscal year 2021-2022 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Competitiveness Plan. The plan includes the NRC's strategies to improve the competitiveness, capacity, and contributions of HBCU. The NRC's plan follows *the Framework for the Development of a Federal HBCU Competitiveness Strategy* issued to agencies on February 14, 2020, to help strengthen compliance with Executive Order 13779.

Please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Vonna Ordaz, Director, Office of Small Business and Civil Rights, at [Vonna.Ordaz@nrc.gov](mailto:Vonna.Ordaz@nrc.gov) or 301-415-7380, if you have any 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:  
As stated

cc: Johnathan Holifield