

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Federal Register notice of a final rule (SLCS)

cc: Representative Carlos J. Moorhead

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