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SUBJECT: FINAL COL-ISG-029, INTERIM STAFF GUIDANCE FOR

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH** 

MICRO-REACTORS

Enclosed is the Final combined license-interim staff guidance-029 (COL-ISG-029) and the response to public comments. The ISG for environmental considerations associated with microreactors clarifies the way that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will approach environmental reviews for a micro-reactor application.

The purpose of the ISG is to provide supplemental guidance to existing NUREGs to assist the NRC staff in scaling the environmental reviews associated with micro-reactor applications. The ISG highlights the unique considerations for micro-reactors in each resource area expected to be covered in the staff's environmental review. The guidance offers suggestions on how the analyses may be scaled.

Enclosures:

Final COL-ISG-029 (ML20252A076)

COL-ISG-029 Comment Responses (ML20252A077)

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