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Mr. Bruce Montgomery  
Director Used Fuel and Decommissioning  
Nuclear Energy Institute

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

Thank you for presenting at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) 33<sup>rd</sup> Regulatory Information Conference (RIC), held March 8–11, 2021; NRC's first-ever virtual RIC!

In keeping with the theme, "The Power of Possibility," we leveraged the use of virtual conference technology for attendee participation in the 2021 RIC. Initial feedback indicates that we were successful at digitally recreating the conference experience, while sustaining our primary goal of providing all attendees with important and relevant information specific to the NRC's safety and security mission. The 2021 virtual RIC was the largest RIC ever with over 4,000 people registered from 50 countries!

As a panelist during Technical Session Th-27, "Reactor Decommissioning: Working Hard to Stay Ahead of the Issues! your presentation entitled, "Driving to a "New Normal" in Decommissioning" was both interesting and informative. Further, your perspective on the topic helped to stimulate a thought-provoking dialogue.

There were so many insightful sessions at the RIC making it difficult to choose which ones to watch in real time! But, not to worry because all sessions were recorded and those recordings along with transcripts will be made available on the NRC's public RIC web site by the end of March. Right now, you can view the Commissioners' and EDO plenaries (and some other sessions) at <https://video.nrc.gov/>.

We hope you enjoyed the 2021 virtual RIC and ask that you share your experience and insights so that we can continue to enhance future RIC programs. We welcome your feedback, thank you for your participation, and we hope you will join us next year for the NRC's 34<sup>th</sup> RIC, scheduled for March 8-10, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce A. Watson".

*Bruce A. Watson, CHP*  
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