



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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July 14, 2021

Mr. Richard J. Freudenberger  
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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION RESPONSE TO BWXT  
NUCLEAR OPERATIONS GROUP - LYNCHBURG, INC. 2021 U.S. NUCLEAR  
REGULATORY COMMISSION-OBSERVED FORCE-ON-FORCE EXERCISE

Dear Mr. Freudenberger:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received your letter, "BWXT Nuclear Operations Group- Lynchburg, Inc. 2021 NRC Observed Force-on-Force Exercise (21-018)," dated March 23, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) accession number ML21091A221), in which you have requested that the 2021 NRC triennial force-on-force exercise for BWXT Nuclear Operations Group, Inc.-Lynchburg (BWXT NOG-L) serve as the 2021 annual NRC-observed exercise.

The staff has completed its review of the request and found that it is acceptable in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 73.46(b)(9). The staff agrees that the request does not create a decrease in the safeguard's effectiveness or of the facility's physical protection program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room, or from ADAMS.

Please feel free to contact me at (301) 287-3666 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

 Signed by Clark, Jefferson  
on 07/14/21

Jefferson K. Clark, Acting Chief  
Security Performance and Evaluation Branch  
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Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

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NRC Response to BWXT Nuclear Operation Group NRC-observed FOF Exercise DATE July 14, 2021

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