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August 31, 2021

Mr. Frank Rusco, Director  
Natural Resources and Environment  
U.S. Government Accountability Office  
441 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Rusco:

Thank you for providing the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) with the opportunity to review and comment on the U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) draft report GAO-21-603, "Commercial Spent Nuclear Fuel, Congressional Action Needed to Break Impasse and Develop a Permanent Disposal Solution." The NRC has reviewed the draft report and is in general agreement with the report. The NRC provides clarifying comments for your consideration in the enclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact John Jolicoeur. Mr. Jolicoeur can be reached by telephone at (301) 415-1642 or by email at [John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov](mailto:John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Dorman".

Dorman, Dan signing on behalf  
of Doane, Margaret  
on 08/31/21

Margaret M. Doane  
Executive Director for Operations

Enclosure:  
NRC Comments on Draft Report  
GAO-21-603

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MR. RUSO RE: DRAFT REPORT GAO-21- 603, "COMMERCIAL SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL, CONGRESSIONAL ACTION NEEDED TO BREAK IMPASSE AND DEVELOP A PERMANENT DISPOSAL SOLUTION  
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