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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

December 14, 2021

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am submitting this report regarding the status of updates to the NRC regulations, certifications, and other regulatory policies that the NRC determines are necessary for high-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU) to be commercially available, as directed by the Energy Act of 2020/Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law No. 116-260), Title II, Section 2001 of Division Z. The report focuses on timelines for guidance on material control and accounting of special nuclear material, certifications relating to transportation packaging for HALEU, and the licensing of enrichment, conversion, and fuel fabrication facilities for HALEU, and physical security plans for such facilities.

Please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776, if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. T. Hanson".

Christopher T. Hanson

Enclosure:
Report on Preparedness for High
Assay Low Enriched Uranium
Availability

cc: Senator Richard Shelby

Identical letter sent to:

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