

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

April 14, 2022

Lawrence Corte, President Western Nuclear Inc. 333 North Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85004

Dear Mr. Corte:

By letters, dated January 25, 2022¹ and April 1, 2022,² the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received Western Nuclear, Inc.'s (WNI) comments on the NRC's determination of the long-term care fee (LTCF) for transitioning the WNI Split Rock uranium mill site to the U.S. Department of Energy for long term care. I understand that WNI will be providing additional comments to the NRC on April 19, 2022. The NRC appreciates WNI's comments and will consider them in assessing the LTCF for this site. The NRC's evaluation of WNI's comments will be documented in NRC's LTCF determination. The schedule³ for the LTCF actions has been updated to allow time to consider this additional information, and the NRC LTCF determination will be issued by May 27, 2022.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.

If you have any questions, please contact the WNI Split Rock Project Manager, Thomas Lancaster at 301-415-6563, or via e-mail to Thomas.Lancaster@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by Lubinski, John on 04/14/22

John W. Lubinski, Director Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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¹ ADAMS Accession No. ML22026A088

² ADAMS Accession No. ML22095A156

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