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February 1, 2023

Mr. Travis Chapman Director U.S. Licensing, Xe-100 Program X Energy, LLC 801 Thompson Avenue Rockville, MD 20852

SUBJECT: X ENERGY, LLC – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE TOPICAL REPORT, "XE-100 LICENSING TOPICAL REPORT: GRAPHITE QUALIFICATION METHODOLOGY" (EPID NO. L-2022-TOP-0051)

Dear Mr. Chapman:

By letter dated October 31, 2022, Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML22304A197, X Energy, LLC (X-energy) submitted topical report (TR) "Xe-100 Licensing Topical Report: Graphite Qualification Methodology," for review by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff. The TR describes the method for qualification of graphite core structures used by X-energy for the Xe-100 reactor.

On January 3, 2023, (ML23003A803) X-energy requested to withdraw the TR after further review and discussion with the NRC staff in a closed meeting held on December 14, 2022, (ML22327A049). Accordingly, the NRC staff ceased review of the subject TR and closed the associated Cost Activity Code number.

Prior to X-energy's request to withdraw the application, the NRC staff performed an initial screening of the report. The enclosure to this letter provides the NRC staff's feedback for X-energy to consider. If X-energy decides to re-submit the TR, please consider addressing the enclosed feedback in a future submittal.

Enclosure 2 to this letter contains Proprietary information. When separated from the Enclosure, this document is DECONTROLLED.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3229 or via email at Michael.Orenak@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

Muchael Grande Signed by Orenak, Michael on 02/01/23

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Enclosure:

- 1. Non-proprietary feedback
- 2. Proprietary feedback

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