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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN - APPROVAL OF THE

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION TOPICAL REPORT

(EPID NO.: L-2022-NFN-0004)

Dear Dr. Brooks:

By letter dated October 20, 2022 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Package Accession No. ML22320A086), the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), submitted its topical report (TR) titled, "Quality Assurance Program Description for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Research and Test Reactor," for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's review. UIUC identified this version of the TR as Document Number IMRDD-MMR-22-03, Release 01. By letter dated February 20, 2023 (ADAMS Accession No. ML23053A092), UIUC responded to the NRC staff's request for additional information (RAI) pertaining to the review of UIUC's quality assurance program description (QAPD) TR. UIUC's response included proposed revisions to the QAPD TR.

The NRC staff's final safety evaluation (SE) for the UIUC's QAPD TR is enclosed. The NRC staff concluded that the QAPD is acceptable, subject to incorporation of changes communicated in the RAI response into the TR. The NRC staff requests that UIUC submit an accepted version of the QAPD TR within 3 months of receipt of this letter. The accepted version shall incorporate the proposed changes communicated in the RAI response. In addition, this version of the TR should incorporate this letter and the enclosed SE after the title page.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Adrian Muñiz at (301) 415-4093, or via email at Adrian.Muniz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by Wentzel, Michael on 05/23/23

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