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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Document Control Desk Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: Submittal of the revised "Safeguards Information-Modified Handling Protection Plan for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Research Reactor"

By letter dated February 20, 2023, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) submitted the UIUC Safeguards Information-Modified Handling (SGI-M) Protection Plan to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for review to determine if UIUC had provided sufficient assurance that it will protect SGI-M that it produces, receives, or acquires from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 73.21, "Protection of Safeguards Information: Performance Requirements," and 73.23, "Protection of Safeguards Information-Modified Handling: Specific Requirements."

During review by the NRC, the NRC staff identified several areas for discussion and clarification. On June 27, 2023, a closed meeting was held between NRC and UIUC project staff to discuss the items that were listed in the document titled 'UIUC Safeguards Information-Modified Protection Plan Discussion Topics.' Based on discussions during that meeting, UIUC agreed to provide the NRC with a new revision of the UIUC SGI Protection Plan to address the NRC staff's questions.

Attached as an Enclosure to this letter is the revised (Release 02) version of the UIUC SGI-M Protection Plan. The Enclosure contains security-related information and therefore should be withheld from public disclosure as required by 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1).

If there are any questions or a need for additional information, then please contact Caleb Brooks at csbrooks@illinois.edu or (217) 265-0519.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 27 2023.

Sincerely,

Caleb S. Brooks, Ph.D. Associate Professor

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Enclosure:

1. "Safeguards Information-Modified Handling Protection Plan for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Research Reactor" – Release 02

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