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



April 10, 2024

The Honorable Cynthia M. Lummis United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lummis:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your March 11, 2024, letter regarding options for licensing emerging technologies used for the remediation of mine waste.

Thank you for your letter and continued interest in this matter. The Commission continues to evaluate the NRC staff's recommendations and options to license emerging technologies used for the remediation of mine waste. The Commission appreciates the information provided in your letter. We value your input and other stakeholders' input as we deliberate on this matter. Our aim remains to identify an efficient and risk-informed approach to licensing emerging remediation technologies in accordance with our mission to protect the public health and safety and the environment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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