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MEMORANDUM TO: Michelle Rome, Chief  
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Division of Rulemaking, Environmental,  
and Financial Support  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 3, 2024; SUMMARY OF MEETING BETWEEN THE  
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF AND THE  
CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI STAFF  
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On September 3, 2024, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a meeting with representatives of the Curators of the University of Missouri. The discussions focused on issuance of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for a license amendment to byproduct material license No. 24-00513-32 for Pickard Hall and the issuance schedule pertaining to Section 107(g)(1)(B) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). The NRC staff presented background information on recent changes to NEPA that necessitated the call, activities undertaken during the review (consultation on adverse effects to a historic property, execution memorandum of agreement (MOA) and consultation on the potential presence of endangered species) that will lengthen the schedule, and the anticipated issuance of the final EA by September 2025.

Discussions focused on the need for consultation regarding the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended, and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), including discussion regarding discovery of an unidentified bat carcass and the presence of guano found in the attic of Pickard Hall and the demolition of a historic building within a historic district. The NRC staff discussed the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Section 106 review process and

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explained that the NRC will be combining the first three steps (Initiation, Identification and Determination of Effects) of the consultation process. The possibility of issuing the EA prior to completing consultation activities was discussed. NRC staff also explained that the license cannot be issued until the NEPA and ESA consultations are complete, and the consulting parties have executed a MOA or the NHPA consultation is complete.

All participants agreed that issuance of the final EA in September 2025 was acceptable.

This memo constitutes the NRC staff's consultation with the Curators of the University of Missouri regarding the extended EA deadline consistent with Section 107(g)(3) of NEPA.

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