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SUBJECT: VENDOR INSPECTION OF SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE'S  
QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM AND TITLE 10 OF THE CODE OF  
FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 21 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Dear Mr. Tate:

This letter documents the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's plan to perform an inspection of Southwest Research Institute's Appendix B, "Quality Assurance Program Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Reprocessing Plants," to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," quality program and 10 CFR Part 21, "Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance," programs as they pertain to activities conducted at your facility related to the supply of testing and analysis services of safety-related components for U.S nuclear power plants. As initially documented via e-mail on Monday, January 27, 2025, the NRC inspection team plans to arrive at your facility on Monday, March 3, 2025, and will conduct an inspection through Friday, March 7, 2025. After the inspection, a report will be issued and transmitted to you via letter. The lead inspector for this effort is Mr. Yamir Diaz-Castillo; you may contact him at (301) 415-2228 or via electronic mail at Yamir.Diaz-Castillo@nrc.gov.

The following docket number has been assigned to your facility: 99900238. Please reference this number on any correspondence sent to the NRC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aaron Armstrong".

Armstrong, Aaron signing on behalf  
of Kavanagh, Kerri  
on 02/11/25

Kerri Kavanagh, Chief  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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