



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

November 21, 2025

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member, Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Whitehouse:

I am responding to your October 7, 2025, letter regarding information on a \$150,000 sole source contract the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) awarded to Liskow & Lewis.

This sole source contract was initiated by the Acting General Counsel to provide legal support for implementation of Section 3 of Executive Order 14300. In accordance with Management Directive (MD) 4.8, "Budget Execution," the Commission has delegated authority to Office Directors for significant budget reallocations in support of contract execution. As defined in MD 4.8, a significant reallocation is deemed by the Commission to be \$500,000.

The contract in question, awarded on August 22, 2025, did not meet this threshold and was executed by NRC staff following established internal procedures. As such, prior Commission approval was not required. I became aware of the contract after its public posting on SAM.gov.

While I am unable to provide a comprehensive response to the specific questions raised in your letter, I respectfully refer you to the Acting General Counsel, David Taggart, who is best positioned to address the details of this matter.

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,

David A. Wright

cc: Chairman Shelley Moore Capito

Identical letter sent to:

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