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December 9, 2025

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM 10 CFR 20, APPENDIX G, SECTION III.E
ACCEPTANCE LETTER**

Dear Adam W. Ball:


The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed your application dated October 9, 2025 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML25282A062). In your application, you requested an exemption from the regulations in Section III.E of 10 CFR 20, Appendix G, "Requirements for Transfers of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Intended for Disposal at Licensed Land Disposal Facilities and Manifests," that require Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC) to investigate and report to the NRC when VNC does not receive notification of receipt of a shipment, or part of a shipment, of low-level radioactive waste within 20 days after transfer. You requested that the time to receive acknowledgement that the shipment has been received by the intended recipient be extended from 20 days to 45 days for shipments.

We have completed our acceptance review of your submittal and have identified no administrative omissions or deficiencies that would prevent us from proceeding with a detailed review. Your submittal has been assigned Enterprise Project Identification Number (EPID) L-2024-LLE-0029. Please reference this EPID number and Docket Nos. 50-70, 50-73, 50-183 and 70-754 in any future correspondence associated with this request.

Please note that the NRC staff's technical review of your submittal may identify issues that require additional information. Based on our preliminary evaluation and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our formal review by May 1, 2026. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule. In addition, the NRC staff estimates that completing the review of your submittal will require approximately 75 staff hours.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2, "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me by telephone at (301) 415-6877 or via e-mail at william.allen@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

 Signed by Allen, William
on 12/09/25

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket Nos. 50-70, 50-73, 50-183 and 70-754
License Nos. TR-1, R-33, DR-10 and SNM-960
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cc: GEVallecitos Listserv

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