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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Request for Specific Exemption to Permit Limited Pre-License Foundation Work at the GeM Site in Paducah

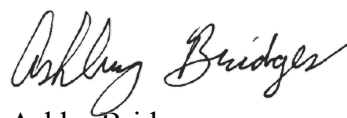
I am writing on behalf of General Matter, Inc. (GeM) to request a specific exemption pursuant to 10 CFR 70.17 that would permit GeM to perform limited foundation work at the General Matter Paducah Enrichment Facility prior to issuance of the license.

Enclosure 1 provides the justification for the requested exemption, including a description of the limited foundation work and the schedule and national-priority considerations that support early commencement of that work, activities, and sets out the basis for the findings required under 10 CFR 70.17(a).

General Matter requests that the NRC grant a specific exemption pursuant to 10 CFR 70.17 authorizing GeM to perform the limited foundation work described in Enclosure 1 prior to issuance of its license. The requested exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health and safety or the common defense and security, and is in the public interest.

We request that the NRC act on this exemption request by November 6th, 2026, which is important to enable GeM to maintain its schedule while sustaining progress toward national priorities. If you have additional questions, please contact me at Ashby@GeneralMatter.com.

Sincerely,



Ashby Bridges

VP of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures:

1. GEM-LIC-2026-030 Enclosure 1, *Request for Specific Exemption for Limited Pre-License Foundation Work at the GeM Site in Paducah*
2. GEM-LIC-2026-030 Enclosure 2, *Affidavit Supporting Request for Withholding from Public Disclosure (10 CFR 2.390)*

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