

March 9, 2012

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SUBJECT: FINAL LICENSE RENEWAL INTERIM STAFF GUIDANCE, LR-ISG-2011-05,
"ONGOING REVIEW OF OPERATING EXPERIENCE"

Dear Ms. Keys:

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Enclosed is a copy of the final LR-ISG-2011-05 and the *Federal Register* notice announcing its issuance. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Matthew Homiack of my staff by telephone at 301-415-1683 or by e-mail at Matthew.Homiack@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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