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Dear Ms. Holtzapple:

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The NRC has confirmed that the deficiency in the current edit needs to be resolved. I thereby request that you direct NMMSS to perform work to resolve the edit check and meet the NRC export licensing needs. The NRC authorizes expenditure of up to ten hours of NMMSS efforts to resolve this problem.

Please refer any questions on this action to Mr. Brian Horn of my staff.

Sincerely,

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