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Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

Subject: Docket No. 50-184

We were informed by the Department of Energy that funding for the conversion of the NIST Reactor to LEU will not be available at any time in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, a schedule for conversion of the NBSR cannot be submitted at this time.

Sincerely,

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