

September 19, 2016

The Honorable James M. Inhofe
Chairman, Committee on
Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of August 23, 2016, seeking additional information on the NRC's capability to support successful closure of inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria (ITAAC) for new reactors under construction in Georgia and South Carolina. Responses to your specific inquiries are enclosed.

I am confident that the NRC has in place the necessary procedures, processes, and infrastructure to effectively carry out our oversight responsibilities in verifying closure of the licensees' ITAAC, and in administering any related hearings in a timely and efficient manner. In addition, the Commission has directed the NRC staff to monitor construction inspection activities closely and we expect that they would alert the Commission promptly if any additional resources are needed. If you need any additional information, please contact me or Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Stephen G. Burns

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Senator Barbara Boxer

Identical letter sent to:

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