

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper 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, as required by Section 102(e) of the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA), I am submitting the enclosed report, "Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act – Implementation, Impacts, and Recommendations for Improvement on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Annual Budget Justification; Fees and Charges; Performance and Reporting; and Accurate Invoicing." As detailed in the report, the NRC implemented the requirements in NEIMA but encountered significant challenges, particularly related to the corporate support caps, that inhibit the agency's ability to comply with other federal mandates and to invest in physical and information technology infrastructure. The report includes two recommendations to address these challenges.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

cc: Senator Shelley Moore Capito

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