

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 21, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Leahy Chairman, Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am submitting this report on the NRC's preparedness for accident tolerant fuel licensing, as directed by the explanatory statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022. The report focuses on the steps being taken to ensure that licensing activities, including those related to higher burnup and enrichment, support projected deployment schedules.

Please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Hanson

Enclosure:

Report on Preparedness for Accident Tolerant Fuel Licensing, Including Higher Burnup and Enrichment

cc: Senator Richard Shelby

## Identical letters sent to:

The Honorable Patrick Leahy Chairman, Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 cc: Senator Richard Shelby

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