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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Kenyon:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (CEQ) for Implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed an abbreviated review of the Draft Supplement Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the license renewal of Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO-1). Entergy Operations, Inc., operates Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2, in west-central Arkansas under operating Licenses DPR-51 and NPF-6 as now issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The NRC staff's preliminary recommendation is that, "the Commission determine that the environmental impacts of license renewal ANO-1 are not great and that preserving the option of license renewal for the energy-planning decision-makers would be reasonable".

EPA classified your DEIS and proposed action as "LO," i.e., EPA has "Lack of Objections". Our classification will be published in the Federal Register according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, to inform the public of our views on proposed Federal actions.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the supplemental information. EPA requests that you send our office one (1) copy of the Final Supplemental EIS at the same time that it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities (2251A), EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20044.

Sincerely yours,

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