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An environmental review was not performed because this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22 (c)(10)(i).

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact the Project Manager for the Bear Creek site, Tom McLaughlin at (301) 415-5869 or by e-mail at Thomas.McLaughlin@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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