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SUBJECT: WESTERN NUCLEAR INCORPORATED'S SUBMISSION OF THE 2016  
FINANCIAL SURETY UPDATE FOR WESTERN NUCLEAR INCORPORATED'S  
SPLIT ROCK, WYOMING SITE (DOCKET NUMBER: 040-01162)

Dear Mr. Corte:

I am responding to your letter, dated September 29, 2016, submitting the 2016 financial surety update for Western Nuclear Inc's. (WNI's) Split Rock, Wyoming site (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML16288A080).

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has evaluated WNI's 2016 surety update and has concluded that it adequately reflects the decommissioning activities, unit costs, a contingency factor, long-term surveillance fees, and financial assurance mechanism as required by 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A, Criterion 9, 10, and License Condition 29. The NRC staff's evaluation can be found in the enclosed technical evaluation report. Based on this review, the NRC staff has amended radioactive materials license SUA-56 to reflect the updated surety amount. A copy of the revised license is also enclosed.

An environmental assessment was not performed for this action as it is categorically excluded under 10 CFR Part 51.22(c)10(i).

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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If you have any questions please contact me at (301) 415-6749 or by e-mail at:  
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Sincerely,

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