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Dear Karl van Bibber:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter of January 9, 2017. In that letter you eloquently described the invaluable service provided to United States universities by the Radiation Safety Information Computational Center (RSICC) at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. I was pleased to receive your positive letter indicating RSICC's support for the University of California Berkeley Nuclear Department Faculty and students. For more than a decade, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has provided financial support to RSICC to distribute NRC sponsored nuclear reactor analysis and radiation protection computer codes. Additionally, RSICC receives financial support from many different organizations (primarily the United States Department of Energy) to distribute their codes.

The NRC agrees that modeling and simulation (M&S) tools are increasingly being integrated into the work of today's graduating nuclear engineers. NRC endeavors to help college and university students by making NRC-developed M&S tools available to them. As such, we will provide financial support to RSICC consistent with the budget priorities of the NRC.

Thank you for your role in developing the next generation of nuclear engineers. They will contribute to nuclear power safety and nuclear security, which are a core part of NRC's mission.

Sincerely,

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RESPONSE LETTER TO PROFESSOR VAN BIBBER INDICATING RSICC'S SUPPORT FOR
OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2017.

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