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Mr. Celestine,

Thank you for speaking with us this week. Per your request, we are re-sending our letter from April 2017 to you.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing an application for an early site permit (ESP) from Tennessee Valley Authority for the proposed construction and operation of two or more Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) at the Clinch River site in Oak Ridge, Roane County, Tennessee. As part of this application process, the NRC will be completing an environmental impact statement in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NRC will also be coordinating its National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 review through the NEPA process in accordance with 36 CFR 800.8(c).

The ESP application and review process makes it possible to evaluate and resolve safety and environmental issues related to siting potential future SMRs at the CRN Site. An ESP does not, however, authorize construction and operation of the SMRs. Such authorization would require a separate application by TVA to the NRC, necessitating additional NEPA and NHPA review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or with Patricia Vokoun. Patricia is the environmental project manager for this review. Her contact information is provided in the attached letter.

Thank you,

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