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The Honorable John A. Barrasso
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing to describe the NRC's planned action in response to a recommendation in the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report entitled, "Tribal Consultation: Additional Federal Actions Needed for Infrastructure Projects (GAO-19-22)," published on March 20, 2019. Specifically, the GAO recommended that the NRC document in its Tribal consultation policy how NRC officials are to communicate with Tribes about how Tribal input from consultation was considered in agency decisions on infrastructure projects.

The NRC agrees with this recommendation and is addressing it. The NRC staff is developing a new guidance document to complement the agency's Tribal consultation policy that will include information for NRC officials about communicating with federally recognized Tribes about how Tribal input from consultation was considered in agency decisions.

We appreciate the opportunity to describe the NRC's action to address the GAO's recommendation. If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Thomas R. Carper