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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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Mr. Erich Kollegger  
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Dear Mr. Kollegger:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of September 26, 2019, to Chairman Svinicki regarding the Export License Application of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) (Docket No. 11006361). In your letter, you offer an explanation of IRE's HEU export request and provide clarification of IRE's intentions, which you indicate were misinterpreted in some of the requests for hearing that have been filed.

Because your letter bears on a proceeding pending before the Commission, it would be inappropriate for the Chairman to discuss the matter at this time. This is because the Commission must remain impartial during the pendency of the proceeding.

A copy of your letter and this response will be served on the participants in the DOE Export License Application proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Annette Vietti-Cook", is written over a horizontal line.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook