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February 10, 2020

The Honorable Mike Braun
Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air
and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) fiscal year (FY) 2021 Congressional Budget Justification. This Congressional Budget Justification reflects the NRC's continued commitment to protecting public health and safety and ensuring the long-term safety and security of nuclear power facilities and nuclear materials. The NRC's FY 2021 budget request provides the resources necessary to accomplish mission-critical activities related to safety and security in the Nuclear Reactor Safety Program and the Nuclear Materials and Waste Safety Program. In developing the budget, the Commission ensured funding availability for high-priority activities.

The NRC's FY 2021 budget request, including the Office of the Inspector General, is \$863.4 million, including 2,868 full-time equivalents (FTEs). When compared to the NRC's FY 2020 total budget authority, which included the use of \$40 million in authorized prior-year carryover, this request represents a decrease of \$32.2 million in total budget authority, or 3.6 percent, and 102 fewer FTE. The net budget authority decreases by \$4.5 million, from \$127.5 million to \$123 million. The FY 2021 request also includes \$17.7 million for the continued development of a regulatory infrastructure for advanced nuclear reactor technologies.

The NRC's FY 2021 budget request also includes changes directed by Public Law 115-439, "Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act" (NEIMA), including revised appropriations language. The FY 2021 budget request also reflects the agency's efforts to comply with Section 102(a)(3)(A) of NEIMA to the maximum extent practicable. The agency will continue efforts to streamline corporate support resources, implement efficiencies, and invest resources in initiatives that will result in future savings.

The NRC stands ready to support your review of this budget request through briefings and responses to questions. Please contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776, if we may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristine L. Svinicki', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kristine L. Svinicki

Enclosure:
As stated

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