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February 7, 2020

Mr. Dean Curtland
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**SUBJECT: NRC PARTICIPATION IN THE DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER APRIL
2020 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE (PLUME PHASE)**

Dear Mr. Curtland,

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) routinely participates in licensees' Emergency Preparedness Exercises to ensure that the NRC's incident response capabilities are effectively maintained and to provide licensees an opportunity to exercise the interface with the NRC during response to an incident at their sites. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our intent to participate in the Duane Arnold Energy Center Emergency Preparedness Exercise that is scheduled to occur on April 15, 2020.

The agency's response will involve activating various NRC response centers, as deemed appropriate. The NRC will dispatch NRC responders, as necessary, to your various response facilities to ensure a face-to-face presence at these emergency locations for monitoring, assessment, and information sharing purposes. If our scope of participation changes, we will contact your emergency preparedness staff to discuss the changes.

We will also be coordinating with your staff to schedule pre-exercise outreach activities that we offer our licensees. The emergency response coordinators will conduct a presentation and provide training materials to assist your staff in exercising with the NRC. The NRC outreach efforts, conducted by staff, are tools to further reinforce concepts related to NRC incident response activities.

If you have any questions concerning our participation, please contact Brent Boston at 630-829-9764, Desiree Smith at 630-829-9853, or me at 630-829-9650.

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Sincerely,

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Letter to Dean Curtland from Aaron McCraw dated February 7, 2020.

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