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SUBJECT: OPEN CONTAINMENT EQUIPMENT HATCH DURING CORE ALTERATIONS - ARKANSAS
NUCLEAR ONE, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M95895 AND 95896)

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

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Therefore, the NRC does not plan to act on your request until the rule for shutdown operations is final. Accordingly, the NRC recommends that you consider withdrawing the application at this time.

Sincerely,

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