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Mr. Jay A. Tilden
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Washington, DC 20585

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY/NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION NUCLEAR EMERGENCY SUPPORT TEAM OFFSITE
ACTIVITIES

Dear Mr. Tilden:

This letter is in response to your memorandum to me dated May 5, 2020, that describes the Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Nuclear Emergency Support Team (NEST) activities and authorities. I appreciate that DOE and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff discussed the information covered by the memorandum as part of its development. We have reviewed the memorandum and find that it addresses the mutual concerns regarding DOE and DOE contractor activities conducted under the NNSA's NEST program in light of the NRC and DOE authorities under the Atomic Energy Act. We look forward to continuing to work productively with you and NNSA in the future.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this subject, please contact David Alley (David.Alley@nrc.gov) of my staff.

Sincerely,

John W. Lubinski, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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