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Dear NRC Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff

On behalf of Jay Silberg, please find attached the comments of Xcel Energy in support of the comments made by the Nuclear Energy Institute to the NRC's Systematic Assessment for How the NRC Addresses Environmental Justice in Its Programs, Policies, and Activities, 86 Fed. Reg. 36,307 (July 9, 2021).

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Best regards,

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**Re: Comments of Xcel Energy on the Systematic Assessment for How the NRC Addresses Environmental Justice in Its Programs, Policies, and Activities (Docket ID: NRC-2021-0137)**

Dear Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff:

On behalf of Xcel Energy, we respectfully submit the following comments in response to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) July 9, 2021, request for comments regarding its systematic assessment of environmental justice in the agency's programs, policies, and activities.

Xcel Energy commends the NRC for undertaking this evaluation and appreciates the opportunity to provide its views on this important topic. Xcel Energy looks forward to further engaging with the NRC and public.

Xcel Energy agrees with and supports the comments made by the Nuclear Energy Institute, dated October 29, 2021. The targeted enhancements that are recommended to the NRC's implementation of its environmental justice policy and framework will help in addressing these important issues within the context of the agency's mission to protect radiological health and safety and the common defense and security.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jay E. Silberg

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