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If you have any questions regarding the comments, the compatibility and health and safety categories, or the NRC Order used in the review, please contact Kathleen Schneider, State Regulation Review Coordinator at 301-415-2320 (email: kxs@nrc.gov) or Andrew Mauer at 301-415-3962 (email: anm@nrc.gov).

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