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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

May 23, 2017

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air
and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

Enclosed is the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) fiscal year (FY) 2018 Congressional Budget Justification. This Congressional Budget Justification reflects the NRC's continued commitment to protect public health and safety, and ensure the long-term safety and security of nuclear power facilities and nuclear materials while achieving resource savings and improving the agency's efficiency and effectiveness.

The NRC's FY 2018 budget request, including for the Office of the Inspector General, is \$952 million, including 3,284 FTE. This represents a decrease of \$48.3 million, including 311 fewer FTE as compared to the FY 2017 Annualized Continuing Resolution (CR) budget, reflecting the agency's continued progress in improving effectiveness, efficiency, and agility under Project Aim. The request includes \$30 million, to support activities for the proposed Yucca Mountain deep geologic repository for spent nuclear fuel and other high-level radioactive waste.

The FY 2018 Congressional Budget Justification also reflects the NRC's efforts to improve the presentation of the budget request and to simplify comparisons between budget years. This document also demonstrates the agency's commitment to fee transparency. The chapter for each business line includes supplemental content such as workload tables and schedules to better align the budget and the resulting impact on fees. Content has also been expanded to include a synopsis of the agency's overall estimated fee recovery calculations to increase awareness of the budget's impact on fee recovery.

Despite a declining budget and staffing levels, the FY 2018 budget fully supports the safety and security of the NRC programs, and the agency's primary focus continues to be protecting public health and ensuring the long-term safety and security of nuclear materials and facilities.

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The NRC stands ready to support your review of this budget request through briefings and responses to questions. Please contact me or Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776, if we may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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Kristine L. Svinicki

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

Identical letters sent to:

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