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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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November 16, 2017

Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001
ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff
Docket ID NRC-2011- 0012

Re: TCEQ Comments on Nuclear Regulatory Commission "Draft Regulatory Analysis for Final Rule: Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal"

Dear Secretary:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) announcement of a public comment period for the Draft Regulatory Analysis related to proposed revisions to 10 CFR Part 61, "Licensing Requirements for Land Disposal of Radioactive Waste".

TCEQ comments were prepared in response to seven questions the NRC raised in the Federal Register Notice FR DOC # 2017-22459 dated October 17, 2017 that address the NRC's approach for seeking specific cost and benefit information to better inform the updated draft regulatory analysis. The draft regulatory analysis supports the proposed rulemaking to implement revisions to 10 CFR Part 61.

If there are any questions concerning the TCEQ's comments, please contact Mr. Charles Maguire, Division Director, Office of Waste at 512-239-5308 or Charles.Maguire@tceq.texas.gov. We look forward to working with NRC throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R A Hyde".

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