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Subject: Abilene Christian University Construction Permit Application

Preliminary Safety Analysis Report Revision 1

Abilene Christian University (ACU) submitted a construction permit application for the Molten Salt Research Reactor (MSRR) on August 12, 2022 (ML22227A201). Since acceptance of the application for review, ACU has been engaged with Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff responding to questions posed during regulatory audits. In the audit questions and in audit meetings, NRC staff has identified information that is needed on the MSRR docket to support the staff's safety evaluation. ACU is submitting Revision 1 of the Preliminary Safety Analysis Report to provide the needed information.

Because the regulatory audits continue, it is likely that ACU will need to provide additional information to support the NRC staff safety evaluation. ACU will identify means for submitting any additional information based on the nature and quantity of the information. If you have questions on this submittal, please contact Ben Beasley at benjamin.beasley@acu.edu or Lester Towell at lester.towell@acu.edu.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on November 14, 2023

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Enclosure: Abilene Christian University Molten Salt Research Reactor Preliminary Safety Analysis Report, Revision 1, November 2023 (non-proprietary)

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