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To: Angela Chambers, Manager, US DOE Nuclear Criticality Safety Program (NCSP)

From: D. K. Hayes, Chair, US DOE NCSP Criticality Safety Support Group (CSSG)

Subject: CSSG Tasking 2024-01 Response

In Tasking 2024-01, the CSSG was directed to provide a review of all FY2025 NCSP proposals. All proposals, including all current and future projects, were included in the review scope. NDAG ranking of the IE and ND proposals were considered during the CSSG review.

The final CSSG rankings of the FY25 NCSP Proposals are attached.

Clarification from the Program would benefit future reviews as regards “baseline support funding” for AM and ND. Without clarification, it is difficult for the CSSG to determine what proposals fall within that baseline and what proposals should be considered outside that baseline.

As in the past, the following scoring matrix was utilized, with each CSSG member providing their score for each proposal. The results, including comments, are provided in the attached spreadsheet.

Rank	
1	(High)
2	(Moderate)
3	(Low)
4	(Never)

Table 1 Scoring Matrix

- The average of all scores was rolled into the CSSG Ranking in Column L.
- The rankings were color coded from Green (High) to Red (Low).
 - The rankings are simply the average score. No attempt was made to refine the ranking based on relative priority or whether the proposal call was addressed.
 - Note: The majority of the top-ranking proposals did not address the proposal call. This should be a consideration in future proposal calls.
- The spreadsheet also contains comments received from the reviewers that may provide feedback to proposal writers.

The CSSG is available to answer any questions that may arise while working with the provided results.

cc:
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Attachment (as a separate file): Spreadsheet with CSSG results: CSSG NCSP FY2025 Proposal Ranking Final.xlsx