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Our review indicates that your DP is acceptable to begin a technical review. Please note that the technical review may identify omissions in the submitted information or technical issues not identified during the administrative review that require additional information. We will inform you separately of our schedule for completing the technical review.

With the successful completion of the acceptance review, Condition 14 of your license has been satisfied.

Please contact Roy Person of my staff at (301) 415-6701 if you have any questions related to our review.

Sincerely,
/S/ /RA/
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