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Dear Ms. Shillinglaw:

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You stated many concerns related to the results from our May 1-11, 2000, inspection at BNFL Fuel Solutions Corporation (BFS) in Scotts Valley, California. We are also very concerned about the inspection results and have requested BFS to address these issues appropriately, in a timely manner. Please be aware that if the inspectors had identified any immediate safety concerns, they would have taken immediate actions to prevent risk to public health and safety. We intend to closely review the corrective actions to the inspection findings and examine implementation in future inspections of BFS.

I want to assure you that the NRC staff takes its mission very seriously of assuring public health and safety. If you have additional comments or questions that you believe the staff should consider, please let me know.

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