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COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF THE NAVAL NUCLEAR PROPULSION PROGRAM
ADDENDUM TO THE DISPOSAL CRITICALITY ANALYSIS TOPICAL REPORT

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If you have any questions on the above information, please contact Dennis Galvin, of my staff at (301) 415-6256 or by email at djg3@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,
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