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Dear Mr. Tiernan:

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The NRC staff concurs in the deferral of this review as significant effort is still necessary to complete the NRC study of severe accident issues. Consequently, these EPZ reduction requests shall remain on the Calvert Cliffs active docket file, but no future NRC staff review efforts shall be expended upon these requests until you provide notice to the NRC that you desire to reactivate this review.

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