

June 6, 2001

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Dear Mr. Beedle:

Thank you for your letter of April 24, 2001, regarding your comments on the Safeguards Performance Assessment (SPA) pilot program and on the volunteers who are willing to participate in the program. The Commission is encouraged by the level of interest. The SPA pilot program is currently being evaluated by the Commission, and we will consider your comments during this process.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve