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Dear Dr. Murty:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I would like to thank you for taking the time to provide your insights regarding the use of texture analysis for quality assurance checks on zirconium alloy tubing. Your technical knowledge and expertise in the area of texture analysis is highly regarded through out the nuclear industry. The information that you provided contributed substantially to NRC staff's understanding of the subject and disposition of an NRC issue on quality assurance on zirconium alloy tubing. Once again thank you for your help .

Sincerely,

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