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OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT ON TIA 2001-02, DESIGN-BASIS
ASSUMPTIONS FOR NON-SEISMIC PIPING FAILURES (TAC NOS. MB1402
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If you decide to respond to this letter, we request that your response be provided within 60 days of receipt of this letter. Please feel free to contact me at 301-415-1392 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306

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