

August 20, 2001

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INFORMATION (TAC NOS. MB1114 AND MB1153)

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Once the staff became aware that proprietary information had been inadvertently released to the public, a number of steps were taken to rectify the situation, including removing the RAI from public availability in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) and preparing a non-proprietary version of the RAI for placement in ADAMS.

In an effort to retrieve the copies of the RAI that were sent to those on the courtesy copy list, we request that you return to the NRC your copy of the RAI, along with any additional copies that were made of it, using the enclosed self-addressed, postage-paid envelope. A copy of the non-proprietary version of the RAI will be sent to you as soon as it is entered into ADAMS.

We appreciate your assistance in resolving this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-1737.

Sincerely,

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Division of Licensing Project Management  
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Docket No. 50-458

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