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REQUESTS REGARDING RISK-INFORMED INSERVICE INSPECTION
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These clarifications were discussed with your Sequoyah staff by telephone on October 22, 2001.

Sincerely,

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