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SUBJECT: CABOT CORPORATION (TAC NO. L31563) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
RECEIPT OF AMENDMENT FOR EXEMPTION 40.5 COMMUNICATION

Dear Mr. Knapp:

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Please note that the complete technical review may identify omissions in the submittal information or technical issues that require additional information.

Based on our preliminary review and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review by the end of March 2002. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule. I can be reached at (301) 415-6267 or by e-mail at lcf@nrc.gov.

In addition, a copy of your submittal has been forwarded to the License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, who will contact you separately if the appropriate license fee has not been submitted for your request, or for billing if your request is subject to full cost fee recovery.

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Sincerely,

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