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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 20, 2001, LETTER CONCERNING PUBLIC
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The NRC staff has made the appropriate modifications to the report, as requested, and the revised report has been issued. A copy of the revised report is enclosed.

If you have any question regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Allen Hiser of my staff at 301-415-1034.

Sincerely,

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