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For Salem and Hope Creek, we currently have no proposed shipment plans under review. Therefore, on this basis, as well as for reasons of security, we cannot provide you the information you requested.

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I trust that this adequately responds to your question.

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