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Dear Mr. Zwolinski:

Thank you for your letter of May 16, 2002 forwarding a proposed Director's Decision. As you should be aware, the NRC staff had, on more than one occasion, extended its anticipated deadline for responding to our petition. Given the complexity of the issues involved, we respectfully request at least until August 10, 2002 to file our comments. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to respond and do not believe an adequate response can be made before August 10. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Michael D. Kohn