

August 22, 2002

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

FROM: Farouk Eltawila, Director */RA/*
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PERFORMANCE-BASED REGULATION"

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