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MEMORANDUM TO: Christopher Grimes, Program Director
Policy and Rulemaking Program
Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: Michael T. Lesar, Chief / *RA* / ***Signed by M T Lesar***
Rules and Directives Branch
Division of Administrative Services
Office of Administration

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LAWRENCE T. CHRISTIAN, ET. AL.

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Questions about this petition may be directed to Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration on 415-7163, or Victoria Voytko on 415-6075.

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