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We are providing this draft SE for the purpose of identifying if it contains any proprietary information pursuant to Section 2.790 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*. Please provide any comments that you may have on the enclosed draft SE with regard to the inclusion of proprietary information by January 17, 2003. Should a situation occur that prevents you from meeting that date, please contact Michael Webb of my staff at (301) 415-1347.

Sincerely,

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