

January 22, 2003

Mr. Ramesh Shankar
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SUBJECT: ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE TOPICAL REPORT,
"GUIDELINES FOR ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE (EMI) TESTING IN
POWER PLANT EQUIPMENT, TR-102323, REV. 2"

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If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Poteat at (301) 415-6392.

Sincerely,

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