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January 2, 2003

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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Officer of Public Affairs Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Principal : Bigelow Laboratory of Ocean Sciences Surety Bond Number #85715 - NCR Licence #15201-01

Dear Sir/Madam:

We are the surety for the above captioned. It is our understanding that our bond was replaced by Capital Indemnity Corp. bond number 40002234 effective April 25, 2002.

We hereby respectfully request that you release our bond effective April 25, 2002.

Please acknowledge this release by signing below and returning same in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon A Maralia Surety Assistant

Ext. 5076 /sam Release of Bond No. 85715 for Bigelow Laboratory of Ocean Sciences Is hereby approved effective April 25, 2002

Title: Actina Branch Date:

cc: Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc . Scheer's, Inc