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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OPEN ITEMS
RELATED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY STUDY PLAN 8.3.1.8.1.2

References: (1) Letter, Holonich to Milner, 09/14/94
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If there are any questions concerning this letter, please contact John S. Trapp of my staff at (301) 415-8063.

Sincerely,

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