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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S VERTICAL SLICE APPROACH

Dear Mr. Milner:

One of the agenda items for the upcoming U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission/ U.S. Department of Energy (NRC/DOE) Management meeting on September 6, 1995, is an update of NRC's vertical slice approach. We have prepared a draft guidance paper for our staff to use as they begin to implement this approach. I have enclosed this paper together with a short summary that highlights information about our approach that might be a particular interest to DOE. I hope this information will clarify our vertical slice approach and form a basis for discussing this subject at our management meeting.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by John O. Thoma for)

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