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MEMORANDUM TO: Patricia G. Norry
Deputy Executive Director
for Management Services

FROM: Martin J. Virgilio, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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SUBJECT: DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL VIEW - DELAY IN COMPLETION

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