

July 21, 2003

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SUBJECT: KEWAUNEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - REVIEW OF LICENSE AMENDMENT
REQUEST 198 FOR A ONE-TIME EXTENSION OF CONTAINMENT
INTEGRATED LEAK RATE TEST INTERVAL (TAC NO. MB9907)

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1446.

Sincerely,

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