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Dear Dr. Helton:

Enclosed is a copy of our paper titled, "Development of a Performance Assessment Capability in the Waste Management Programs of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission." This paper is for the special topical edition of the journal *Risk Analysis*, which you are organizing on performance assessment.

I appreciate your continuing patience and forbearance in dealing with us, even though we are very regrettably, once again tardy in meeting your deadline. Our tardiness is a reflection of the press of business in the Division of Waste Management and does not reflect a lack of interest on our part in completing this task..

Next week we will forward to you publication-quality versions of our figures.

The input from the peer reviewers was very complete and good. We tried very hard to be responsive to the input; however, in some cases we did disagree and merely tried to make our point clearer. Please let us know if there is anything further we need to do. Once again thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

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