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SUBJECT: REPLY TO LICENSEE'S SEPTEMBER 25, 2003, REQUEST FOR AN
EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO THE BULLETIN 2003-03

Dear Mr. Fuller:

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I have determined that you have shown good cause for extending the response date from September 29, 2003, to October 10, 2003.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mike Lamastra, the Project Manager for your facility at 301-415-8139 or by email @ mxl2@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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