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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 415-8531.

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MDS Nordion
Transport Package F-431
Review Schedule

Milestone	Date
NRC Start Technical Review	July 2003
NRC Issues Request for Additional Information (RAI) (if necessary)	April 2004
MDS Nordion Provides Response to RAI	June 2003
NRC Issues Certificate	August 2004

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