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Dear Dr. Chowdhury:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has completed its review of the subject document that was sent by cover letter dated April 24, 1998. This product is programmatically and technically acceptable.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-6703.

Sincerely,

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