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Dear Dr. Chowdhury:

The subject product, transmitted by cover letter dated August 28, 1996, is specified as a deliverable in the Operations Plan for the Thermal Effects on Flow Key Technical Issue. This product has been reviewed and found to be acceptable. In addition, we have no programmatic concerns with the subject journal paper. We look forward to having a summary of this work presented at the CNWRA program review this fall.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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