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The NRC staff has completed its review of your responses. Based on that review, the NRC staff finds that your responses to the January 7, 2003, Order are acceptable and responsive to the Order.

Please remember, pursuant to Section III.C.2 of the Order, you are to report to the Commission, in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 50.4, when you have achieved full compliance with the requirements described in Attachment 2 to the Order. The NRC will determine the effectiveness of your implementation of the CMs through onsite inspections.

If you have any questions about this letter, please call Mr. Christopher Gratton at 301-415-1055.

Sincerely,

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