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ACCESS AUTHORIZATION

Dear Mr. Forbes:

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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, Orders are acceptable and responsive to the Orders.

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

Sincerely,

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