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MEMORANDUM TO: Janet R. Schlueter, Chief
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF THE FORTHCOMING U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION EVALUATION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY TECHNICAL INFORMATION IN AN ANALYSIS MODEL
REPORT, CONTROL PROCESS EFFECTIVENESS, AND
CORRECTIVE ACTION EFFECTIVENESS

DATES: January 12-16, 2004

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