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By letter dated April 23, 2004, BNL mailed you information regarding the survey. This letter also transmitted a unique user identification (ID) and password required to access and submit the survey. The NRC seeks input from four managers at each plant, namely the operations, engineering, licensing, and overall plant manager. Since only one letter was sent to the licensing contact for each plant unit, we request that you distribute the survey information (including password and user ID) to the other three managers so that they can also respond to the survey.

The RIS did not identify BNL as NRC's independent contractor so as to not attract hackers that might challenge BNL's firewall. An unintended consequence of this omission is that some licensees are experiencing difficulty locating the survey instructions. To ensure all licensees have sufficient time to request a new user ID and respond to the survey, the survey's end date has been extended to June 15, 2004.

Requests for a new user ID and password, or questions regarding site access should be directed to the BNL survey coordinator, Edward Grove at 631-344-5558. Content questions should be directed to the NRC survey coordinator, David Allsopp, at 301-415-3073. For your information, enclosed is the initial BNL letter of instruction.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: BNL's Letter of Instruction

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