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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF BAW-1543(NP), REVISION 4, SUPPLEMENT 5,
"SUPPLEMENT TO THE MASTER INTEGRATED REACTOR VESSEL
SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM" FOR REVIEW (TAC NO. MC1762)

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Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, staff hours will be billed accordingly.

Sincerely,

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