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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF INTERMEDIATE MILESTONE 06002.01.192.430:
PERFORMANCE CONFIRMATION ACTIVITIES UNDER 10 CFR PART 63
WITH EMPHASIS OF ACTIVITIES POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT TO WASTE
ISOLATION

Dear Mr. Jain:

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-6703 or by e-mail at jap2@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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