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May 26, 2005

EA-04-188

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 040-7580/04-001 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Thank you for your letter dated May 9, 2005, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation dated April 12, 2005, based on Inspection Report 040-7580/04-001 dated November 12, 2004. FMRI's response is currently under NRC review. Future NRC correspondence will address FMRI's proposed corrective actions.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/Adams.html.

If you have any further questions concerning this inspection, please contact Mr. Rick Muñoz at (817) 860-8220, Ms. Beth Schlapper at (817) 860-8169 or the undersigned at (817) 860-8191.

Sincerely,

/RA/ R. J. Evans for

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