

June 17, 2005

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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OBSERVATION REPORT
NO. OAR-05-03, "OBSERVATION OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY,
OFFICE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE ANNUAL NAVAL NUCLEAR
PROPULSION PROGRAM QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM REVIEW AT
BETTIS ATOMIC POWER LABORATORY ON APRIL 28, 2005"

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am transmitting the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Observation Report No. OAR-05-03. This report provides the results of NRC staff observation of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) assessment of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program quality assurance program implementation. The DOE assessment team conducted this assessment on April 27-28, 2005.

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A written response to this letter and the enclosed report is not required. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Thomas Matula of my staff at (301) 415-6700 or by e-mail at tom1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: The NRC Observation Report No. OAR-05-03, "Observation of DOE, Office of Quality Assurance Annual Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program Quality Assurance Program Review at Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory on April 27-28, 2005"

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