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FOR THE HUMBOLDT BAY INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL  
STORAGE INSTALLATION (TAC NO. L23683)

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Please note that issuance of the final 10 CFR Part 72 license for the Humboldt Bay ISFSI is subject to completion of the NRC staff's environmental and security reviews, which will be transmitted to you under separate cover. If you have any comments or questions concerning this request, please contact me at (301) 415-1336.

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Docket No. 72-27 (50-133)

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