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SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 - ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT RE: USE OF  
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LOADING OPERATIONS (TAC NO. MC6327)

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Enclosed is a draft safety evaluation (SE) for RBS. This draft SE is being withheld from public disclosure at this time because it may contain proprietary information.

We are providing this draft SE for the purpose of identifying whether it contains any proprietary information pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390. Please provide any comments that you may have on the enclosed draft SE with regard to the inclusion of proprietary information by November 30, 2005, otherwise, the SE would be disclosed to the public. Should a situation occur that prevents you from meeting that date, please contact Bhalchandra Vaidya of my staff at (301) 415-3308 or me at (301) 415-3317.

Sincerely,

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