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Dear Mrs. DeMarco:

The enclosed paper is being submitted for programmatic review. The paper will be published in the proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Probabilistic Safety Assessment and Management (PSAM 8), New Orleans, Louisiana, May 14–19, 2006. The title of the paper is "Techniques for Sensitivity Analyses on Non-Monotonic Functions" by Osvaldo Pensado and Budhi Sagar. The paper discusses a general methodology to identify relevant non-monotonic dependencies in stochastic models. The paper deadline is December 30, 2005, but it is anticipated that a time extension will be granted given the delay in defining the paper format.

Please advise me of the results of your programmatic review. If you have any questions regarding this paper, please contact me at (210) 522-5185 or Dr. Osvaldo Pensado at (210) 522-6084. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
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