

February 22, 2006

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Dear Mr. Levis:

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Please destroy the improperly-marked SE, including any copies you may have made, for the Hope Creek ARTS/MELLLA license amendment. The NRC is in the process of issuing you a new copy of the amendment package with the appropriate markings on the SE.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter, and I apologize for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

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