

June 8, 2006

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-16530-NP, REVISION 0,
"EVALUATION OF POST ACCIDENT CHEMICAL EFFECTS IN CONTAINMENT
SUMP FLUIDS TO SUPPORT GSI-191" FOR REVIEW (TAC NO. MD1119)

Dear Mr. Bischoff:

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Your request for a fee waiver is being reviewed by the NRC's Office of the Chief Financial Officer and we will soon notify you with the results of their review for a fee waiver.

Sincerely,

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