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Dear Dr. Asmussen:

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1127.

Sincerely,

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