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Dear Mr. Hackmann:

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Should it occur that during the course of the Hematite decommissioning activities information or material is identified which could be tied to the Nuclear Navy program, the Navy would want to be involved in any decisions regarding handling or destruction of such information/material. Therefore, unless an unusual event is discovered which would require increased protective measures, the safeguards information designation should be used.

If you have any questions, please contact Jack Hayes of my staff at (301) 415-3167 or via e-mail at: [jjh@nrc.gov](mailto:jjh@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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