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Concurrent with this effort, the Topical Report, WCAP-15791, was to be revised to incorporate changes to be consistent with the staff's draft Safety Evaluation. The revised Topical Report was to have been submitted in March 2007, and as of May 25, 2007, it had not yet been received. Therefore, since the schedule for the review and approval of TSTF-446, Rev. 2, cannot be met until receipt of the revised Topical Report, work has been halted and TAC No. MD1808 closed. Work will recommence and the schedule will be updated, if requested by the TSTF, once NRC has received and accepted the revised Topical Report for review.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. T. R. Tjader at 301-415-1187 or at trt@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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