

July 2, 2007

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Any questions on this proceeding may be addressed to me on our toll-free number at 1-800-368-5642, extension 7163.

The NRC's staff technical contact on this petition for rulemaking is Mr. Tim Reed, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. He may be contacted at 301-415-1462. The initial target completion date for action on this petition is April 2008.

Sincerely,

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