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Mr. Robert Martin
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Dear Mr. Martin:

The Department of Energy (DOE) will place four Lead Test Assemblies (LTAs) in the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBNP) in the Fall of 1997 for one operational cycle. It is estimated that the LTAs will be removed and placed in the spent fuel pool along with the fuel during the Spring 1999 outage. Following the Spring 1999 outage, DOE, as the shipper of record, will transport the cask containing the irradiated LTAs to a Post-Irradiation Examination (PIE) facility.

The cask will conform to all applicable DOE and Department of Transportation requirements. The Legal Weight Truck (LWT) cask will need to be a Type B package and will also be a classified shipment.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 202-586-0838, or Lew Steinhoff at 202-586-3856.

Sincerely,

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