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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF PROCESS CONTROL LIMITS

Dear Mr. Morrell:

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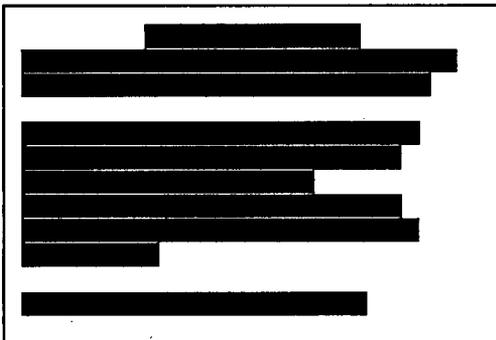
Since there has been a turnover in the DOE project management, the NRC staff is in the process of coordinating with DOE in order to understand the changes to the DOE's PCL program. At this time, the NRC is not in a position to respond to your request until DOE satisfactorily responds to the NRC's November 2004 letter. Subsequently, the NRC will determine [REDACTED]

The NRC will then provide further guidance to you at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,

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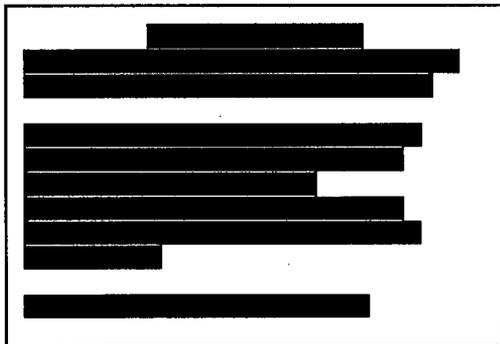
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