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Mr. Arthur T. Howell, III
Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety
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Subject: Alternative Dispute Resolution

Dear Mr. Howell:

As I indicated at the NRC-NIST public meeting in Boulder, CO on September 17, 2009, NIST will select Alternative Dispute Resolution as opposed to a pre-decisional enforcement conference if provided the former option by the NRC. NIST looks forward to working with the NRC to conclude the enforcement part of the process. As always, please contact me at 301-975-4502 or richard.kayser@nist.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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