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SUBJECT: FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE PUBLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR A REQUEST FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM 10 CFR 72.212 AND 72.214 (TAC NO. L24420)

Dear Mr. Connell:

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The NRC will notify you in a timely manner of our decision on these exemption requests. Enclosed is a copy of the Federal Register Notice.

Sincerely,

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