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Subject: Programmatic Review of Presentation for the 13th International High-Level
Radioactive Waste Management Conference (AI 14004.04.001)

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

The enclosed presentations, along with NRC Form 390A and a Technical Publications/Presentations Checklist, is being transmitted for programmatic review. These presentations are planned to be given at the 13th International High-Level Radioactive Waste Management Conference to be held April 10–14, 2011, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The titles of the presentations are

Railway Accident Analyses for Spent Nuclear Fuel Transportation Packages

By T.S. Mintz,¹ G. Adams,¹ M. Necsoiu,¹ C. Bajwa,² and E. Easton²

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Roadway Accident Analyses for Spent Nuclear Fuel Transportation Packages

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The presentations described the analyses of historical rail and road accidents involving hazardous material and long duration fires in the United States. The analyses of these accidents are used to determine the frequency of occurrences and parameters associated with the severe accidents involving a fire that potentially could impact either rail or road transport for spent nuclear fuel. The available databases provide information on severe rail and road accidents going back 13 years. Staff evaluated this information and determined that severe accidents are generally characterized by accidents in which flammable liquid or gas were released in large quantities.



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Please advise me of the result of your programmatic review. If you have any questions regarding these presentations, please contact me at (210) 522-5282.

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