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Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. DeCicco:

This letter is in response to the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) draft report submitted to me and dated June 2, 2011.

I have reviewed the draft report and have found it to be complete and thorough with no obvious errors or omissions. I have no specific comments on the draft report itself but would like to take this opportunity to state that we are addressing the three recommendations of the team and will have a more formal and definitive response prepared for the Management Review Board (MRB) meeting on July 21, 2011.

Due to our staffing problem we would like to have Jay Hyland, the Radiation Control Program Manager, attend the MRB by video conference. Mr. Hyland can be your contact for coordinating our video link. Additionally, if the MRB prefers, we will need a contact name and e-mail address for a written response to the recommendations outlined in the report.

I would like to congratulate you on your Meritorious Service Award that I read about in the NRC News on June 14, 2011.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to be part of the IMPEP review. We found the experience to be educational and rewarding, and the reviewers to be extremely knowledgeable and professional.

Sincerely,

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