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Subject: Radiation Safety Program Assessment Plan pursuant to Confirmatory Order issued by NRC to NIST regarding NRC Inspection Report 030-03721/2008-001 and NRC Investigation Report 4-2008-062, March 1, 2010

Dear Mr. Caniano:

As we discussed during our phone conversation of October 17, 2011, Tidewater, Inc. has been selected to perform the subject assessment of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) radiation safety programs in Gaithersburg, MD and Boulder, CO. Please find enclosed the draft Radiation Safety Program Assessment Plan for NRC review and comment prior to commencing the assessment.

We look forward to receiving your comments on the draft plan. Should you have questions or other issues regarding this assessment effort, do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 353-6450 or by e-mail at claudewiblin@tideh2o.net.

Very respectfully,

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