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Dear Mr. Borchardt:

I want to thank you for your staff participation at the Department of Energy's September 2012 Nuclear Safety Workshop. In particular I want to express my appreciation for the presentations that William Reckley made during the Beyond Design Basis Event breakout session and Undine Shoop made at the Safety Culture breakout session. Both of these presentations, and the continued participation of Bill and Undine during both days of the workshop, were very important to the success of our workshop.

The workshop brought together over 200 managers and technical experts to discuss what the worldwide nuclear safety community has learned from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station accident. The partnerships developed through the workshop will help the Department move forward in its safety improvement efforts. I look forward to a continuing dialogue with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the results of this workshop.

Sincerely,

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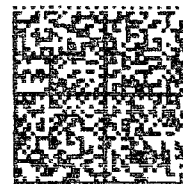
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