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MEMORANDUM TO:	Joseph G. Giitter, Director Division of Risk Assessment Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
FROM:	Richard P. Correia, Director <i>/<b>RA</b>/</i> Division of Risk Analysis Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
SUBJECT:	TRANSMITTAL OF PROJECT PLAN FOR ADVANCING THE STATE OF THE ART FOR PERFORMING FIRE HAZARD ANALYSIS OF ELECTRICAL ENCLOSURE HEAT RELEASE RATE, REVISION 7

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