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SUBJECT: FORT ST. VRAIN INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION -
EXEMPTION FOR DELAY IN LEAK TESTING TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION
REQUIREMENT AND AGING MANAGEMENT SURVEILLANCE (TAC NO.
L25003)

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-9956, or Chris Allen of my staff, at (301) 415-6877. Any future correspondence related to this action should reference Docket No. 72-09 and TAC No. L25003.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: FRN Exemption

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