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Dear Mr. Kovach:

**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE FROM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION -
PRIMARY CONTAINMENT LEAK RATE TESTING REQUIREMENTS - DRESDEN
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Sincerely,

/s/

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