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Ms. M. Ellen Poteat
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Ms. Poteat:

Reference: Battelle Memorial Institute, License SNM-7, Docket 07000008, Invoice FS0109-02.

Battelle is requesting a time extension to respond to NRC Inspection Invoice FS0109-02 dated July 29, 2002, attached. We are seeking this time extension and clarification concerning this invoice under the provisions of 10 CFR 15.31.

Reviewing the subject invoice reveals that the contact hours for one inspector for the preparation and inspection periods for this invoice and inspection for regular and non-regular hours would have resulted in total hours less than the total assessed. Clarification of the billing practices used for our inspections will be appreciated.

If the NRC desires, Battelle would be willing to make a partial payment, based on mutually agreed-upon costs associated with the single inspector, rather than wait until the total issue is resolved. If this is desired, please contact me to finalize this cost.

If you have any questions or if you need me to provide more information, please call me at 614-424-5170. Thank you in advance for clarifying this matter for us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Jensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig Jensen, CHP
Radiation Safety Officer
Battelle Memorial Institute
Columbus Operations

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cc: G. M. McCann, U.S. NRC Region III