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Attention: Scott Dube, M.S.

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If you need additional information you can call me at 510-975-0249.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: NRC Form 313 Policy & Guidance Directive FC 86-4 NRC Bulletin 93-01 NUREG-1480

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