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Gentlemen:

The Commission is issuing the enclosed Safety Evaluation (SE) to document our analysis of the patential risks to the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (CCNPP) Units Nos. 1 and 2 associated with Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) ship traffic in the Cove Point/Calvert Cliffs area of the Chesapeak: Bay. The analysis shows that the risk is acceptable for the next three months, when up to 6 LNG ships will arrive at the Cove Point LNG terminal.

This interim action is being taken pending completion of our analysis of the possibility of an LNG release affecting the nuclear facility. In the interim period, wa will be reviewing your LNG contingency plan including the use of a new communication system (hot line) with the Cove Point terminal, and your proposed emergency actions. We will also evaluate your LNG Hazards Update submittal dated March 9, 1978. We will inform you of any other information and analyses needed before our final SE is issued.

Sincerely,

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