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and 50-461, 50-458/459, 50-397

Mr. J. P. McGaughy
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Dear Mr. McGaughy:

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We believe that the effort of your representative should be commended in that it has enhanced the efficiency of the licensing process for your facility and has enabled the LRG-II program to be a success. We would like to see more such effort in the nuclear industry, and am always delighted when such efforts are successful.

Sincerely,
Original signed by
Darrell G. Eisenhut

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