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Docket No. 50-047

The Honorable Lewis D. Walker  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Environment, Safety and Occupational Health  
Department of the Army  
Washington, D.C. 20310-0110

Dear Mr. Walker:

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It is my understanding that your staff is briefing NRC staff at the end of this month on the decommissioning plan. I have asked my staff to give this matter prompt attention. If you believe it would be beneficial for us to discuss this issue in conjunction with the staff meeting or at another time, I would be pleased to do so.

If you have questions on the status and progress of the staff's review, please contact our project manager for the MTL research reactor, Mr. Alexander Adams at (301) 492-1127.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By  
James M. Taylor

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

TO:

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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✓ THOMPSON  
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