

December 18, 1996

Mr. Terrence Tehan, Director  
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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 22 FOR FACILITY LICENSE NO. R-95, RHODE ISLAND ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION RESEARCH REACTOR (TAC NO. M79580)

Dear Mr. Tehan:

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1128.

Sincerely,

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Marvin M. Mendonca, Senior Project Manager  
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Project Directorate  
Division of Reactor Program Management  
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