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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION OF RELIEF REQUESTS FOR INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM -
CLINTON POWER STATION (TAC NO. M98171)

Dear Mr. Sipek:

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Sincerely,

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