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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: **CRITICALITY SAFETY PROGRAM UPDATE QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT**

Dear Mr. Weber:

Enclosed is the third quarterly status report on our Criticality Safety Program Update (CSPU), per our commitment contained in the CSPU Plan dated September 20, 1996. This program was undertaken to formalize and strengthen our criticality safety program, taking into account recognized industry standards.

Progress for this period on the CSPU is essentially on schedule. Attached is an updated Gantt chart.

Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact me or Robert Freeman, the CSPU project manager, at (314) 937-4691.

Very truly yours,

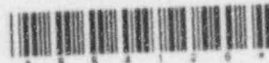
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