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SUBJECT: RELIEF REQUEST FOR THE PUMP AND VALVE INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM - CLINTON POWER STATION (TAC NO. MA2146)

Dear Mr. Sipek:

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Please contact Jon Hopkins at (301) 415-3027 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Division of Reactor Projects III/IV  
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Docket No. 50-461

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