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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COST ESTIMATE

Dear Mr. Hunter:

This letter is in reference to your telephone request of October 14, 1997. During your telephone call, you requested a cost estimate for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on decommissioning of your facility. We responded by letter dated October 17, 1997, that our estimated cost is \$600,000. The amount of \$600,000 only included our estimate of contractor cost and did not include NRC staff costs for preparing an EIS. The total cost, which includes both contractor and staff costs, is estimated to be \$1.2 million. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Again, please note that this is only an estimated cost, and the actual cost for an EIS for your facility may be substantially more or less depending on a number of factors including the quality of information you provide and the significance of issues we identify during our review.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (301) 415-8102.

Sincerely,
Original signed by:
Susan D. Chotoo
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