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SUBJECT: RELIEF REQUEST FOR USE OF ALTERNATIVE NO. 97-002 TO THE  
AUGMENTED EXAMINATION OF REACTOR VESSEL FOR MCGUIRE NUCLEAR  
STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. M99302)

Dear Mr. Barron:

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The staff considers this matter resolved and is closing out TAC No. M99302.

Sincerely,

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