

July 18, 1998

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Dear Mr. Davis:

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Because the staff shares the feeling of importance in maintaining the improved STS as living documents, it is our intention to support subsequent, semi-annual meetings with the TSTF.

This letter documents our telephone response on July 15, 1998, to your July 6, 1998, letter mentioned above.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

William D. Becker, Chief  
Technical Specifications Branch  
Associate Director for Projects, NRR

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