

October 25, 1999

Mr. Vincent Pertuis
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92266 Fontenay-aux-Roses

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It was a pleasure to meet you, and I look forward to working with you at TRANSSAC and on other topics of mutual interest. In this regard, please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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E. William Brach, Director
Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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