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SUBJECT: TESTING PRINCIPLES WORKSHOP

Dear Ms. Mackie and Mr. Hickok:

This letter is in reply to Sonalyt Letter of September 3, 1999, which was in response to our letter of July 8, 1999, asking the applicable parties to review the training material jointly submitted by the Middle Atlantic Nuclear Training Group and Sonalyt for information that should be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790. The request for NRC review of the training material was made in a MANTG letter of June 9, 1999 and the training material was submitted by Sonalyt in a letter of June 17, 1999. The latest Sonalyt letter indicated that the material was developed by Sonalyt at its own expense for commercial purposes and, therefore, should be withheld from public disclosure.

After careful review we have concluded that the documents entitled "NRC Comments on Sonalyt Training Material" and "NRC Written Examination Item Writing Workshop" (Enclosure 2 and 3, respectively, of NRC letter of July 8, 1999) should be protected by 10 CFR 2.790.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public disclosure should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your withheld information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

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If you have any questions, comments, or need additional information, please contact myself at (610) 337-5183.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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Enclosures:

1. Sonalyst Letter of September 3, 1999
2. NRC Letter of July 8, 1999 without Enclosure 2 and 3

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