

June 20, 2002

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Dear Mr. Allard:

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I greatly appreciate your timeliness in completing this review, and look forward to receiving your comments. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-7855 or you may speak to Rebecca Tadesse at (301) 415-6221.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

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- 2) Reading Draft Environmental Assessment

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