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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING EMERGENCY  
PLAN CHANGES FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY NUCLEAR  
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Please provide responses to the enclosed request for additional information within 30 days of the date of this letter. Following receipt of the additional information, we will continue our evaluation of your amendment request.

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me at (301) 415-1128.

Sincerely,

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