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SUBJECT: STATUS OF PRM-51-1 TO AMEND TABLE S-3 OF 10 CFR PART 51

Dear Mr. Shadis:

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Thank you for your continued interest and I will keep you informed on a periodic basis as to the current status. If you have any question or comments, please contact me by phone at 301-415-4123 or by e-mail at SXS4@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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