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SUBJECT: MODIFICATION OF THE COOLING SYSTEM FOR DOMINION NUCLEAR
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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, you may contact Jack Cushing at (301) 415-1424 or jxc9@nrc.gov, or Nitin Patel at (301) 415-3201 or nxp1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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