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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO AAR'S LETTER DATED JULY 28, 2006, DELAYING ITS  
RESPONSE TO NRC'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
RELATED TO AAR'S TOPICAL REPORT (TAC NO. L23782)

Dear Mr. Denton:

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We understand your request and agree that it would be prudent to delay responding to our RAI until either AAR or Ceradyne is ready to continue the topical report review effort. Therefore, we will suspend our review of AAR's topical report until notified by either AAR or Ceradyne to resume the review. To ensure AAR does not incur any additional charges while this review is suspended, we are closing TAC No. L23782, however, Docket No. 72-57 will remain open. When either AAR or Ceradyne wishes the NRC to resume the review of this topical report, notify us, in writing, of this decision and a new TAC number will be opened, and a new schedule established.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-1179 or Stewart W. Brown of my staff at (301) 415-8531.

Sincerely,

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