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Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Docket No. 70-0925; License SNM-928
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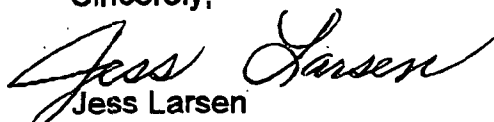
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To: Ken Kalman

Company: US Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Subject: Corrections to Sub-area "J" and Phase III FSSP Responses

FAX. No.: 301-415-5397

FROM: Jess Larsen

OF: Cimarron Corporation

MESSAGE:

Ken,

Please find attached copy of my letter this date proposing to correct the areas we discussed yesterday in the conference call. We also noted another typo in a date and have corrected that also.

The original and controlled distribution copies will come out next week.

Have a great Independence Day weekend.

Regards,

Jess Larsen
Attachment

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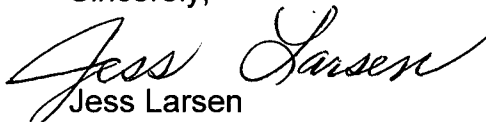
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