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If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Terry, Team Leader, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, by calling 1-301-287-0993 (toll-free at 1-800-368-5642), or by e-mail to Leslie.Terry@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

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