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U.S. Department of Energy
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SUBJECT: FORT ST. VRAIN INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION -
EXEMPTION FOR DELAY IN LEAK TESTING TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION
REQUIREMENT AND AGING MANAGEMENT SURVEILLANCE (CAC NO.
L25113)

Dear Mr. Provencher:

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415- 5722, or Bernard White of my staff, at (301) 415-6577. Any future correspondence related to this action should reference Docket No. 72-09 and CAC No. L25113.

Sincerely,

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Division of Spent Fuel Management
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