

December 18, 1996

Mr. Terrence Tehan, Director
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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 22 FOR FACILITY LICENSE NO. R-95, RHODE
ISLAND ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION RESEARCH REACTOR (TAC NO. M79580)

Dear Mr. Tehan:

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1128.

Sincerely,

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