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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON METHODOLOGY REGARDING CENPD-137, SUPPLEMENT 2-P

Dear Mr. Rickard:

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You requested that the submittal be exempt from mandatory public disclosure. While the staff has not completed its review of your request in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790, your submittal is being withheld from public disclosure pending the staff's final determination.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you can contact me at (301) 415-3139.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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