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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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In closing, I would like to thank you for your interest in the Commission's activities in assuring the safe transport of radioactive materials. We will keep you informed of the progress of our review. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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