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Dear Mr. Mallay:

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Upon completion of the NRR management review, a process that typically takes four to six weeks, the final SE will be submitted to the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR), in accordance with agency procedures. Following CRGR action, we expect to issue the SE by April 2000. If you have any questions regarding the status of the SE, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Evangelos Marinos at (301) 415-2911.

Sincerely,

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