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OFFICE OF AIR, NOISE AND RADIATION

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Close Out of Standards and Regulations Division Activities

To: Kathleen M. Bennett, Assistant Administrator

for Air, Noise and Radiation (ANR-443)

Thru: John M. Ropes, Director

Office of Noise Abatement and Control (ANR-471)

From: Louise P. Giersch, Director Standards and Regulations Division (ANR-490)

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Our files will be complete and all materials archived that do not need to remain available for regulatory actions in process.

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