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Subject:

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Message:

Ingalls anticipates testing to be finished by 2/1/02. Ingalls' reason for applying for multiple extensions has been that scope changes in the overhaul effort and equipment failures have repeatedly pushed the schedule for testing to the right. Consequently, the radar testing dates slipped to the right and made it necessary to extend the duration of permission to radiate to cover the revised schedule dates. At the time of application, Ingalls believed that each extension was sufficient to cover radar testing dates in the latest schedule and similarly believes that this latest application is sufficient to extend through ship delivery.

Ingalls recognizes that STAs are for short-term use only and does not wish to circumvent the proper process for long-term testing. Actual testing will be short in duration and Ingalls is only seeking with this application to obtain approval appropriate for the dates that testing is presently expected to be conducted.