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Donald G. Naujock, Metallurgist, NRR

Your cooperation in providing the support needed to complete the scope of our inspection is appreciated. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Peter Balmain at (301) 415-3697.

Sincerely,

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