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Thank you for your letter and your interest in RPV head degradation. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Douglas V. Pickett at (301) 415-1364.

Sincerely,

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