

May 2, 2005

Mr. Michael Kaplowitz  
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Dear Mr. Kaplowitz:

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If you want the NRC to handle your petition differently than described above or you have any questions regarding our handling of your petition, please contact Mr. Bill Reckley at (301) 415-1323.

Sincerely,

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James E. Lyons, Chairman  
2.206 Petition Review Board  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

cc: Mr. Paul Gunter, Director  
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