

April 28, 2005

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Legislator - District 12
The Legislature of Rockland County,
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Dear Ms. Jaffee:

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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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