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SUBJECT: GROUND WATER AND SURFACE WATER MONITORING RESULTS,  
SECOND HALF 2005, WESTERN NUCLEAR, INC., SPLIT ROCK SITE,  
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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-7182, or by e-mail, to [sjc7@nrc.gov](mailto:sjc7@nrc.gov).

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