

October 17, 2006

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Dear Dr. Piciulo:

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TO USE THE SNOWPLOW TURNAROUND ON THE EDGE OF THE
WESTERN NEW YORK NUCLEAR SERVICE CENTER

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If you have any questions on this matter don't hesitate to contact me at 301-415-6722, or e-mail me at: cjg1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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