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I would like to meet with you at your office for a brief, informational meeting and plan on contacting you in the next several weeks to establish a date and time. In the meantime, please contact me at (630) 829-9659, or via email at sam9@nrc.gov, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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