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CONSTRUCTION OF A COAL GASIFICATION PLANT**

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The NRC resident staff on site, at both FitzPatrick and Nine Mile Point, will continue to monitor all updates to the licensee's safety analysis to ensure the public health and safety in Oswego, NY.

If I can be of further assistance at this time, please call me at my NRC office line (610)337-5233. Thank you again for your concern.

Sincerely,

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