

January 16, 2008

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In response to your letters, the NRC has obtained Project Number 0764 for MNEC. Please use this project number for all MNEC correspondence to the NRC. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301)-415-1544.

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