

August 28, 2008

Mr. Joe Shirley, Jr., President
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MILLING FACILITIES

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We would like to discuss this matter further with you. Mr. James Park of my staff is the NRC project manager of the GEIS effort. He can be reached at 301-415-6935 or by electronic mail at James.Park@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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