

June 5, 2015

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THE BEAR LODGE PROJECT

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at 301-415-6664 or by e-mail at [Kenneth.Kalman@nrc.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Kalman@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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