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Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 9:43 PM
To: Kenneth Loveless
Cc: Board Member Ed White; Dr. Christina Melton; Jan Hammond; Michael Cates; Nikki Gardner; Robert Gantt
Subject: Re: Concrete Inspection ans Testing Related matter December 6, 2019

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Subject: Re: Meeting with County Council Members and Legislative Delegation

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MC

Sent from my iPad

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