April 24, 2000

Mr. Kevin R. Doody HOME ADDRESS DELETED UNDER 10 CFR 2.790

Dear Mr. Doody:

This acknowledges your letter to me dated March 19, 2000. Your letter was prompted by First Energy Nuclear Operating Company's (licensee) February 25, 2000 reply to the NRC's Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty - \$110,000 regarding a 1997 violation (EA 99-012) of 10 CFR 50.7, "Employee Protection" issued to the licensee on May 20, 1999.

You requested that the NRC place a redacted copy of your letter in the Public Document Room and that we consider the information you provided in evaluating the licensee's response. We have placed your letter in the Public Document Room (PDR) and copies have been distributed to NRC staff responsible for evaluating the licensee's response. The licensee's response will be evaluated on its merits. Because the licensee has denied the violation and we are proceeding with the enforcement process on this case, it would be inappropriate to comment further on this matter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, a copy of this letter, with your home address deleted, is being placed in the PDR.

Sincerely,

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R. W. Borchardt, Director Office of Enforcement

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