

June 19, 2000

Mr. John K. Wood  
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SUBJECT: PERRY NUCLEAR PLANT SECURITY ISSUE RESOLVED

Dear Mr. Wood:

This letter addresses the resolution of an unresolved security item identified in Section S8.2 of Inspection Report 50-440/99016, dated November 22, 1999. The unresolved item pertained to the applicability of NEI Document 96-01, "Nuclear Power Plant Guidelines for Operational Planning and Maintaining Integrity of Vehicle Barrier Systems," dated February 13, 1996, to the plant Vehicle Barrier System (VBS). During review of the site security procedures, the inspector noted that the VBS procedures did not include guidelines contained in NEI Document 96-01 in reference to the frequency of active barrier inspections, compensatory measures for the VBS, training of personnel conducting barrier inspections, and advising the NRC region of compensatory measures that exceed 30 days. Your existing procedures also did not contain equivalent measures for the areas described above. The security plan noted that the compensatory measures for the VBS would be in accordance with Regulatory Guide 5.68, "Protection Against Malevolent Use of Vehicles at Nuclear Power Plants." The plan did not specifically reference NEI 96-01.

The unresolved item was if NEI Document 96-01 was prepared as an industry initiative (or other mechanism) with the understanding with NRC that nuclear plant licensees would comply with the NEI guidance in NEI 96-01, or commit to equivalent measures for inspection/observations and compensatory measures for the VBS.

NRC has concluded that the provisions of NEI Document 96-01 are not applicable to the Perry Nuclear Plant VBS, since the security plan referenced a different document and did not specifically commit to NEI Document 96-01.

Please contact me, or Gary Pirtle of my staff if you have any questions concerning this matter.

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Sincerely,

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