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**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE THE FORT CALHOUN STATION  
OPERATIONAL SAFEGUARDS RESPONSE EVALUATION**

Dear Mr. Gambhir:

Region IV received your letter dated May 4, 2001, requesting that we reschedule the Operational Safeguards Response Evaluation (OSRE) at the Fort Calhoun Station (FCS). Currently, the OSRE is scheduled during the week of September 10, 2001.

According to Agency guidance, plants are selected for OSRE inspections on the basis of the following considerations:

- Length of time since the last OSRE
- Past performance
- Significant changes to the security program or the approved plan

FCS was selected using this criteria.

Your May 4, 2001, letter stated that you could "successfully pass" an OSRE using the current defensive strategy; however, the proposed changes in defensive strategy are a significant change, potentially affecting target sets, fighting positions, weapons mix, training, etc., and would enhance your ability to defend the plant against the design basis threat. Your letter stated that the changes to the defensive strategy will be completed by March 25, 2002. In addition, your letter stated that conducting the OSRE in September 2001 would delay the implementation of the revised defensive strategy.

Region IV has reviewed the aforementioned document and concluded that postponing the September 2001 OSRE would be a more efficient and effective use of both NRC and licensee resources, since this postponement provides the Agency the opportunity to simultaneously assess your revised defensive strategy and complete the previously scheduled OSRE. In addition, Region IV may have recommended scheduling another OSRE after you completed the extensive changes to your defensive strategy in accordance with the selection criteria. Accordingly, your request to postpone the OSRE has been approved. The OSRE has been rescheduled for the week of March 25, 2002.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, please contact me at (817) 860-8215.

Sincerely,

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