

September 25, 2001

Mr. George Y. Sodwick
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Dear Mr. Sodwick:

I am responding to your letter to Mr. Hubert J. Miller, Regional Administrator, dated September 17, 2001.

In response to the attacks of September 11, 2001, the NRC began immediately monitoring the events and coordinating with other Federal agencies. Among others, NRC established communications with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Energy. In addition the NRC activated its Emergency Operations Centers in its Headquarters and Regional offices.

Although there have been no credible threats to any commercial nuclear facility in the United States, the NRC prudently advised the operators of nuclear power reactors, non-power reactors, nuclear fuel facilities, and gaseous diffusion plants to go the highest level of security. We have confirmed that all nuclear facilities have established the heightened security stance.

As you may be aware, the NRC employs resident inspectors at each of the nation's nuclear power plants. These NRC resident inspectors were supplemented with additional NRC staff to assure NRC maintained an aggressive response capability of power reactor sites when the events of the day unfolded. In order to help ensure that all NRC regulations are met, including those related to the physical security of the power reactors, oversight is carried out through observations by resident inspectors, and inspections by NRC regional security specialists and others. Beyond that, NRC maintains coordination and liaison with other State and Federal agencies, including those with law enforcement responsibilities to provide for an enhanced capability to respond to security threats.

Please rest assured that the NRC has taken steps to ensure that each NRC licensee maintains and implements a physical security plan to provide a high assurance that activities involving special nuclear material do not constitute an unreasonable threat to the public health and safety.

I have also enclosed a press release which has been recently issued by the NRC providing additional information.

Sincerely,

/RA/

James T. Wiggins
Deputy Regional Administrator

Enclosure: As stated

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