

December 16, 1998

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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2 AND 3 - EXEMPTION FROM  
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M97302 AND M97303)

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If you have any questions please write or call me at (301) 415-1471.

Sincerely,

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