

November 19, 1998

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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2 - EXEMPTION FROM CRITICALITY
ACCIDENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (TAC NOS. M97301, M97302
AND M97303)

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In view of the revised regulations, we request that you reconsider your exemption request. Should you determine that you will be in compliance with the new regulations, please withdraw your exemption request as soon as possible, or submit a revised exemption request as appropriate.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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