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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS IN
10 CFR 73.57(b)(1) and (7)

This is in response to your letter dated April 15, 1987, requesting an exemption from requirements in 10 CFR 73.57(b)(1) and (7) for certain employees at the Brunswick, H. B. Robinson and Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plants who had not been granted unescorted access or access to Safeguards Information on or before April 1, 1987. The regulation requires that these persons be fingerprinted and results of an ensuing criminal history check be used prior to making a determination for granting them access. Your request for an exemption reflected concern that the processing of fingerprints and return of information will take longer than twenty-five working days, at least during the initial months of the program when all licensees are submitting fingerprint cards for current employees who already have access authorization.

Through April 28, 1987 the NRC received, and forwarded to the FBI, 141 fingerprint cards from Carolina Power and Light Company. In the first two weeks of May we received 859 additional cards from CP&L. Based upon our initial experience with the first 50,000 cards received from all utilities, we do not expect to encounter significant delays in their processing. In any event, persons already having unescorted access authorization on April 1, 1987, will be unaffected by delays in receipt of their criminal history check results provided their fingerprint cards are submitted by September 28, 1987.

On the other hand, we recognize the need to minimize delays in processing of fingerprint cards for other persons (such as new employees) who were not authorized unescorted access as of April 1, 1987. Accordingly, we are recommending that all licensees identify and transmit such cards, including payment, separate from others sent to NRC. The exterior of such packages must be prominently marked "SPECIAL HANDLING - NEW HIRES." We will give priority to such fingerprint cards and expedite their processing to the FBI beginning June 5, 1987. Failure to mark the exterior of these packages as indicated will result in normal processing.

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We believe these actions will resolve this matter so that exemptions to 10 CFR 73.57(b)(1) and (7) will not be necessary.

Sincerely,

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