

March 11, 2002

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF INDUSTRY GUIDANCE RELATED TO INTERIM SAFEGUARDS
AND SECURITY COMPENSATORY MEASURES

Dear Mr. Beedle:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff issued Orders dated February 25, 2002, to all 104 operating commercial nuclear power plants to immediately implement interim safeguards and security compensatory measures. The Orders for each plant were identical and included an attachment containing safeguards information which detailed the specific interim compensatory measures (ICMs).

Following issuance of the Orders, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Security Working Group (SWG) developed a draft industry guidance document involving safeguards information to facilitate licensee implementation of the specific ICMs contained in the Orders. The NRC staff conducted a meeting, specifically to discuss the draft safeguards implementing guidance, with the SWG at NRC headquarters on February 27, 2002. The NRC staff provided additional comments during a telephone call on February 28, 2002. By letter dated February 28, 2002, NEI formally submitted a guidance document entitled "Implementation Guidance for Interim Safeguards & Security Compensatory Measures for the Order dated February 25, 2002." Following additional discussions with the NRC staff during telephone calls on March 1 and March 4, 2002, in a meeting to discuss safeguards information at NRC headquarters on March 7, 2002, and during a telephone call on March 8, 2002, NEI formally submitted their revised guidance document to the NRC by letter dated March 8, 2002. The NRC staff has completed its review of the NEI guidance dated March 8, 2002, and has determined that it provides an acceptable method for licensee implementation of the ICMs.

As discussed in the Order cover letters, the Orders do not obviate the need for licensees to continue to meet the objectives of Security Level III described in NRC Information Notice 98-35, and maintain the effectiveness of existing security measures taken in response to the events of September 11, 2001.

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