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Mr. Glenn M. Tracy
Chief, Reactor Safeguards,
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Dear Mr. Tracy:

Enclosed for NRC endorsement are guidelines for industry and NRC use in assessing and responding to the interim safeguards and security compensatory measures (ICMs) attached to the February 25, 2002, Order issued by NRC to operating reactors. The guidelines clarify the intent of each ICM and provide guidance on one acceptable approach to implementing each ICM.

The enclosed document has been reviewed by the industry and discussed at a meeting of chief nuclear officers on March 6, 2002. On March 7, 2002, the industry and NRC staff had a safeguards meeting to discuss further changes to the guidance. As appropriate, we incorporated staff comments into the enclosed document.

The purpose of this document is to achieve a common understanding between the industry and the NRC regarding the objectives of, and methods for, compliance with each ICM. Each licensee will submit a particularized reply to the Order taking into account not only the industry guidelines, but also all relevant site-specific circumstances. As such, neither issuance of the guidelines nor their implementation by any licensee should be interpreted as an agreement or implies any agreement on the part of any licensee to comply with any individual aspect of the guidelines or of the Order or in any way limits or abridges a licensee's rights as provided by 10 CFR 2.202.

We appreciate the very constructive efforts by NRC staff in reviewing and commenting on the attached document. As time is of the essence, we request immediate endorsement of our guidance.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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