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August 15, 2002

Mr. Jesse L. Funches Chief Financial Officer Nuclear Regulatory Commission 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Funches:

Thank you for submitting a remedial action plan for your agency's purchase card program. While we found your plan adequately addressed the issues raised in the Director's memorandum dated April 18, 2002, "Use of Government Purchase and Travel Card," (<u>http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/m02-05.html</u>), we intend to assess your continued performance as part of your agency's periodic management review with the Office of Management and Budget. Please be prepared to demonstrate your progress in meeting the deadlines you established in your plan and to identify program improvements resulting from these plans.

Although some agency plans indicate a high level of commitment to improving internal management controls, the Director has determined that additional efforts are needed to reduce incidents of fraud and abuse and to improve the performance of the purchase and travel card programs generally. I invite your agency coordinators to a meeting on August 16, 2002, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the Truman Room at the White House Conference Center, to discuss ways in which we can identify areas for improvement and develop better agency management practices for the purchase and travel cards. Due to space limitations, we suggest your agency send no more than two people.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Robert Burton in my office, rburton@omb.eop.gov.

Sincerely,

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Angela B. Styles Administrator

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