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Mr. Roy P. Zimmerman
Director
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

The U.S. Coast Guard is engaged in a comprehensive program to assess and improve the security of our nation's seaports from terrorist attacks, criminal activity, accidents and natural disasters. Under this program, the Port Security Assessment Team (PSAT) works with the U.S. Coast Guard's Captains of the Port (COTP) to first identify security risks that could impede commerce and then develop the appropriate mitigation strategies for those risks.

A major concern among COTPs is nearby critical infrastructures such as nuclear power facilities. Per a discussion between one of my staff members and Mr. Chris Nolan of your office, I understand your team has conducted assessments of nuclear power facilities for many years. Valuing that experience, we would like to incorporate your team's insights into our assessment program. Specifically, we seek the opportunity to review assessments for specific facilities located near ports and address with you the possibility of using NRC conclusions and recommendations in our reports.

We fully understand the sensitive nature of this information. Therefore, we will treat any information received with the appropriate level of classification as delineated by the NRC.

Thank you for your assistance, and I look forward to working with you to enhance port and national security.

Sincerely,

J. S. KENYON

Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Coast Guard

Chief, Port Assessment Division

By direction

cc: Chris Nolan

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