

SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION

October 16, 2002

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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF ORDER FOR INTERIM SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY
COMPENSATORY MEASURES FOR RANCH SECO

Dear Mr. Redeker:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has issued the enclosed Order that modifies the specific license for your independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) to require compliance with the specified interim safeguards and security compensatory measures. The Order applies to all Addressees listed in Attachment 1 to the enclosed Order. The interim compensatory measures are listed in Attachment 2 (contains Safeguards Information) to the enclosed Order. The Commission recognizes that you have voluntarily and responsibly implemented additional security measures following the events of September 11, 2001. However, in light of the current threat environment, the Commission concludes that the security measures should be embodied in an Order, consistent with the established regulatory framework. The Commission has determined that the current threat environment requires that the enclosed Order be effective immediately.

These actions are interim and the basis for the Order is the need to take prudent actions to address security requirements in the current threat environment. This Order does not obviate the need for licensees to continue to meet and maintain the effectiveness of existing security measures taken in response to the events of September 11, 2001. The requirements will remain in effect pending notification from the Commission that a significant change in the threat environment has occurred, or the Commission determines that other changes are needed.

The enclosed Order calls for responses and actions within specified time frames.

NOTICE: Attachment 2 to the Order (Interim Compensatory Measures) and Enclosure 4 to this letter contain "Safeguards Information." Upon separation of Attachment 2 to the Order and Enclosure 4 to this letter, this letter, the enclosed Order, and Attachment 1 to the Order (Address List) are "DECONTROLLED."

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As a separate matter, if the licensee wishes to preserve its right to request a hearing on any requirement contingent upon completion of an analysis or other requirement, a request for an extension of time to request a hearing must be filed within twenty days of the date of this Order in accordance with Section IV of the Order. Such a request may seek a reasonable period of time to request a hearing beyond the date that the staff informs the licensee whether the actions proposed and completion date for the requirement(s) contingent upon an analysis or other requirement are satisfactory.

Please contact the following individuals, Francis Young, of the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, at 301-415-3207, or Robert Temps, of my staff, at 301-415-2552, to facilitate resolution of any issues related to compliance with the requirements in the enclosed Order, or if you have any other questions. The enclosed Order has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

/RA by Margaret V. Federline for/

Martin J. Virgilio, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No. 72-11

Enclosures: 1. Order
 2. Order Attachment 1 - Address List
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 (Safeguards Information)
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