

February 14, 2003

Angela Halfman, Esq.
Office of the Attorney General
Child Support Division
Region IV Administrative Office
2301 Ave. J., Suite 103
Arlington, Texas 76006

RE: In re Michael Brown and Patrick Brown, Children, Case No. 360-323404-01,
Tarrant Co. (Tx.) 360th District Court;
NRC File No. TR-03-01.

Dear Counselor:

The Office of the General Counsel at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") has received your subpoena for information in the above-captioned matter. This Office has assigned the processing number "TR-03-01" to your request; please refer to that number in any future correspondence regarding this matter.

As I explained to you in our telephone conversation in early January, the NRC has regulations governing how third-party subpoenas are to be handled by this agency, which can be found at 10 C.F.R. §9.200, et seq. See generally United States ex rel Touhy v. Ragan, 340 U.S. 462 (1951). In addition, the information you seek appears to be covered by the Privacy Act, which would necessitate submission of a court order. While we are not bound by a state court order, the General Counsel accords great respect to a court order addressing these issues.

In our conversation, you indicated that you felt you could obtain this material by other means. Accordingly, we have closed File TR-03-01. However, as I advised you in that conversation, if you determine that you need our assistance in this matter, please feel free to call me and we can reopen this File. You may reach me at (301) 415-1606.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Charles E. Mullins
Senior Attorney
Office of the General Counsel

cc: Karla Smith, Esq.
NRC Region IV.