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RE: In re Louis Carson, Case No. 2313183601
NRC File No. TR-03-03.

Dear Counselor:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region IV Office in Arlington, Texas, has received some requests for information about an NRC employee from your office. As those requests appear to be legal "demands for information," the functional equivalent of a subpoena, they have been forwarded to the NRC's Office of General Counsel under the Commission's regulations at 10 C.F.R. §9.200, et seq. This Office has assigned the processing number "TR-03-03" to your request; please refer to that number in any future correspondence.

Under the Commission's regulations, this Office requires an affidavit explaining (1) the nature of the information sought; (2) the nature of the case; (3) the relevance of the information sought to the case in litigation; and (4) why that information is not available elsewhere. See generally 10 C.F.R. §9.202(b). In addition, you appear to be seeking information that is covered by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. §552a, et seq. The NRC cannot release this information unless you either obtain the employee's consent or comply with the provisions of that Act.

I have tried to call you to discuss this matter but was not able to navigate the prompts on the answering service. Please feel free to call me with any questions or to discuss this matter at (301) 415-1606. Alternatively, you may reach me at cem@nrc.gov on the Internet.

Respectfully,

/RA/

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cc: Karla D. Smith, Esq., Regional Counsel
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