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**SUBJECT: JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT: NUCLEAR REGULATORY  
COMMISSION OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS CASE NO. 2-2004-025**

Dear Mr. Stinson:

This letter refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) completed investigation regarding falsification of fire watch patrol logs at the Farley Nuclear Plant. The information gathered by OI during the investigation substantiated that a Nuclear Helper employed at the Farley Plant deliberately falsified fire watch records on February 28, 2004.

Based on the results of the investigation, a violation involving the failure to follow Administrative Procedure FNP-0-AP-39, Fire Patrols and Watches, and the requirements of 10 CFR 50.9, Completeness and Accuracy of Information, has been identified. The violation occurred on February 28, 2004, when a Nuclear Helper failed to conduct a fire watch for the emergency diesel generator tunnel, yet completed the patrol log to make it appear that he had.

For administrative purposes, this non-compliance will be documented as a licensee identified non-cited violation in an upcoming integrated inspection report. If you contest this violation, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of the upcoming inspection report, as described therein.

This completes our review of this matter. No response to this letter is required. Please feel free to contact me at 404-562-4540 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS

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Sincerely,

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