February 17, 2005

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SUBJECT: TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY—REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RE: CHAPTER 2, SITE CHARACTERISTICS LICENSE RENEWAL

APPLICATION (TAC NO. MC2315)

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If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me at 301-415-1128.

Sincerely,

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- 1. The SAR does not discuss the distance of the National Guard facility. Provide evaluation of the location of this facility to determine if it represents a new type of accident or external event, or change the consequences of a accident already discussed in Chapter 13.
- 2. Are there any jet fuel storage tanks located at Easterwood Airport? If so, provide the distances to these tanks and an evaluation if they represent a new type of accident or external event, or change the consequences of a accident already discussed in Chapter 13.
- 3. How many hurricanes (and what Safir Simpson category storm) have affected the NSC over the past 50 years?