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State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 402
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I am sure you understand that much of the information regarding the vulnerability of nuclear power plants to aerial attacks has been publicly withheld in accordance with Federal rules on the protection of both classified and sensitive, unclassified information. The NRC staff will be pleased to provide as much information as possible, consistent with the need to protect classified and sensitive unclassified information. I propose that the NRC staff conduct a briefing, including a discussion of Safeguards Information, for you and any of the New Jersey State authorities that have a need to know. During or after this briefing we can also discuss the need for any additional briefings on this issue.

Please have your staff contact Mr. William Orders of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (301-415-7923, wxo@nrc.gov) with any questions regarding my proposal or to arrange the briefing.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Samuel J. Collins
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cc: Dr. Jill Lipoti

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