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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO ORDER REQUIRING IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM SAFEGUARDS
AND SECURITY COMPENSATORY MEASURES FOR JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR
PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION

Dear Mr. Stinson:

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Based on our review, the NRC staff finds SNC's response to the Order acceptable. NRC will determine the effectiveness of your implementation of the ICMs through on-site inspections. If you have any questions about this letter, please call me at 301-415-4015.

Sincerely,

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