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Dear Mr Kunsman:

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On April 11, 2006, NRC inspectors visited PGDP. The inspectors reviewed the existing security measures and found the measures to comply with the ICM order. In addition, the inspectors and USEC staff discussed the proposed revisions to security measures. On May 31, 2006, NRC issued a letter to USEC requesting extensive additional information regarding the requested changes. After NRC receives this information, the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) staff will perform a thorough review and determine the efficacy of the proposed measures from a security perspective. Unless the proposed changes result in a security level equal to or greater than the existing security posture, NRC will not approve the proposed changes.

I trust this information is useful in addressing your concerns. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/RA by R. W. Borchardt Acting For/

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