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July 28, 2006

Mr. C. L. "Connie" Entrekin
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Dear Mr. Entrekin:

Thank you for your July 25, 2006, letter expressing concerns about safety at the Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS) facility during the current strike by members of your organization.

The NRC takes very seriously any concern and will thoroughly investigate the information you have provided. As part of our process of looking into safety concerns, you will receive another letter in the next few weeks acknowledging the specific concerns raised and offering more information about that process.

So you understand the depth of the NRC involvement in safety at the plant, I wanted you to know that the NRC met with NFS management as far back as December of 2005 to discuss their plans for maintaining the high standards of safety we demand if labor negotiations were to lead to a strike. Moreover, we directed the two full-time NRC resident inspectors at the plant to focus on the safety aspects of production training for salaried workers. That heightened focus began at the onset of the strike and continues to this day.

The NRC also conducted five special inspections at NFS in May and June to satisfy ourselves that our safety standards were being met. In addition, we have dispatched four special teams to NFS to review other safety aspects at the plant. We have conducted many staff-weeks of inspection at NFS over and above the work of our resident inspectors at the plant this year, and managers from my office have visited and continue to routinely visit the plant to review plant safety and security, and oversee inspection activities.

We will continue heightened oversight at NFS to carry out our mission of protecting public health, safety and the environment, and we will not hesitate to act promptly on any safety concern we observe.

Sincerely,

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