

October 11, 2006

Ms. Elizabeth D. Sellers, Manager
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SUBJECT: FORT ST. VRAIN INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION
PHYSICAL PROTECTION PLAN CHANGES (L23928)

Dear Ms. Sellers:

By letter dated November 21, 2005, you requested an amendment to the U.S. Department of Energy - Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID) Materials License SNM-2504 for the Fort St. Vrain Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). The proposed amendment would revise the Fort St. Vrain ISFSI Physical Protection Plan (PPP) to reflect the use of a new radio system for the onsite security force. The changes were prompted by an upgrade to the radio system used by local law enforcement agencies, which interfaces with the Fort St. Vrain on-site system.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff reviewed your application and the proposed revisions to the PPP, and sought further clarification in a phone call with Mr. Jan Hagers and others of your staff on February 8, 2006. Following that call, your staff reevaluated your application against the requirements of 10 CFR 72.44(e) and 72.186(b), and determined that the proposed changes would not decrease the effectiveness of the PPP. Therefore, you concluded that the proposed changes did not require a license amendment, nor prior NRC review and approval, and you withdrew your license amendment request, as documented in your letter dated March 13, 2006. By letter dated May 18, 2006, you submitted your revised PPP for the Fort Saint Vrain ISFSI for information, and reaffirmed your determination that the proposed changes do not decrease the effectiveness of the plan.

Although NRC review and approval of the changes to the Fort Saint Vrain ISFSI Physical Protection Plan is not required, the staff has reviewed the revisions to the plan and agrees that the changes made to reflect the upgraded radio system do not decrease the effectiveness of the plan. This completes our action under TAC No. L23928. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1336.

Sincerely,
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