

April 18, 2007

Mr. Charles R. Simpson, Chief Information Officer  
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Dear Mr. Simpson:

We at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) are currently using the Secure Payment System (SPS) which is a Financial Management Service (FMS) certified and accredited system. Use of the SPS requires that we install SPS specific software on our computers to enable NRC staff to access the SPS. This software establishes a virtual private network (VPN) between our computers and SPS and is updated by FMS as FMS determines is necessary.

In order to meet our Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) requirements, we need a copy of the SPS system certification memorandum, the SPS system accreditation memorandum, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Interconnection Security Agreement (ISA) between NRC and FMS that describes the responsibilities of each party with respect to the connection. We have received the SPS certification and accreditation memoranda, but have been unsuccessful in establishing the MOU/ISA.

We have been in discussions with your staff and have agreed to include SPS within other MOUs/ISAs between our organizations. However, your staff does not believe that there is a direct connection between NRC and SPS. Since we are required to install SPS specific software to establish the VPN and have no control over the interface, I believe that an MOU/ISA between NRC and FMS is a necessary component of our FISMA compliance. I would appreciate receiving FMS' position in establishing an MOU/ISA for SPS in writing.

If you wish to discuss this issue, I can be reached at (301) 415-8700.

Sincerely,

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