

June 11, 2007

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Dear Mr. Goyette:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated May 8, 2007, regarding your concerns about the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station spent fuel pool's vulnerability to potential terrorist threats, citing the recent failed terrorist plot on Fort Dix.

In my previous letters, I explained the approval process for license renewal and the NRC's oversight of nuclear power plant (NPP) safety. Let me again assure you that the NRC takes seriously its regulatory mission of protecting public health and safety and the environment, and promoting the common defense and security of the United States. This includes assuring licensee compliance with applicable laws and requirements. Construction and operation of a NPP is only approved after an extensive NRC review determines that the design is safe and acceptable in all aspects, including the storage of spent fuel. As described in my previous letters, these security issues are not reviewed in license renewal because they are addressed on an ongoing basis at all licensed NPPs.

The NRC requires that NPPs, including spent fuel, be protected against potential terrorist threats. In addition to existing security regulations, the NRC issued Orders to all NPP licensees shortly after 9/11 to increase the level of security against a spectrum of potential terrorist threats. The NRC regularly inspects NPP sites to ensure that they meet these security requirements and works with the industry to develop additional guidance to ensure that the security enhancements provide adequate facility protection in the evolving threat environment. Further NRC vulnerability assessment studies, including studies that addressed aircraft attacks, have focused on power reactor facilities and spent fuel pools to assist in the development of appropriate mitigation measures at all sites, including Oyster Creek. Information regarding the details of the Oyster Creek spent fuel pool and the associated protective strategy is sensitive and is not available to the public.

The NRC regulates in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and its oversight assures adequate protection of public health and safety, the environment, and promotion of the common defense and security.

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The most recent "Safety Evaluation Report Related to the License Renewal of Oyster Creek Generating Station," dated March 30, 2007, can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System under Accession No. ML070890637.

I trust that this information is responsive to your letter.

Sincerely,

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