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Mr. Roy P. Zimmerman  
Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: Review and Approval for EPRI Program and Procedure for Protection of Safeguards Information

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) has prepared the attached "Program and Procedure for Protection of Safeguards Information" and is submitting it for review and approval by your office to establish a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approved Information Protection System for the protection of Safeguards Information. Establishing this Information Protection System will support and strengthen EPRI's ongoing research and development activities on behalf of the nuclear industry. The EPRI Program and Procedure for Protection of Safeguards Information is intended to fully comply with the requirements of Part 73 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

A special note of thanks is made for the contributions of Messrs. B. Stapleton and R. Norman in their preliminary reviews and guidance on the development of this Information Protection System.

If you or your staff have any questions or comments regarding this submittal, please contact Ms. Sandra Delvin, EPRI QA Manager, at (650) 855-2463.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Program and Procedure for Protection of Safeguards Information