

October 7, 2009

The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.
Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am writing to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued the "Guidelines on the Use of Firearms by Security Personnel in Protecting U.S. NRC-Regulated Facilities, Radioactive Material, and Other Property," which you approved in July. Those guidelines were published in the *Federal Register* on September 11, 2009.

I want to express my appreciation for you and your staff's efforts to develop this guideline. Our agencies' efforts allow us to move forward with implementation of the new authority granted by section 161A. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. This process will allow licensees of the NRC to use additional types of weapons to improve their facilities security. The Commission appreciates the Department of Justice's actions.

I appreciate your efforts and look forward to working with you on other important security matters for the United States. If I can be of further assistance regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Gregory B. Jaczko