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Dear Mr. Warren and Mr. Gunter:

I am writing you in response to your letter dated March 29, 2010, concerning our recent meeting on fire protection regulation. I appreciated the opportunity to have an open and frank discussion concerning the alternate fire protection rule, 10 CFR 50.48(c), also known as NFPA 805.

I believe the NRC staff has provided guidance, opportunities for public meetings, workshops, and other interaction to address the questions in your letter. However, I will forward your concerns for an independent review to ensure the NRC staff continues to maintain its high standards of excellence and safety.

I appreciate your continuing interest and involvement in nuclear power plant fire protection issues.

Sincerely,

Gregory B. Jaczko