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SUBJECT: JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT - NRC SECURITY
INSPECTION REPORT 05000348/2011403 AND 05000364/2011403

Dear Mr. Stinson:

On May 6, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant. Portions of the inspection associated with Access Authorization and Fitness for Duty were completed at the corporate office on April 21, 2011. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results which were discussed on May 6, 2011, with you and other members of your staff. Additionally, a teleconference to discuss cross-cutting aspects of the findings was conducted on May 23, 2011, with Mr. J. Horn and other members of your staff.

This inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

This report documents four findings of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Physical Protection Significance Determination Process). The deficiencies were corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before the inspectors left the site. The first finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance (H.4.c), because the licensee failed to ensure that as a part of the insider mitigation program, that privately owned vehicles operated by licensee or contractor personnel with unescorted access to the owner controlled area were randomly searched. The second finding had a cross cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance (H.1.b), because the licensee failed to ensure that a licensee security officer was not assigned other duties which would have caused the security officer not to meet a predetermined security protective strategy response timeline.

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The third finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance (H.4.b), because licensee security officers failed to follow a procedural requirement. The fourth finding had a cross cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance (H.2.b.) because a licensee security officer did not display the requisite skills to recognize and properly conduct searches of a particular item. Additionally, three licensee-identified violations which were determined to be of very low safety significance are listed in this report. However, because of the very low safety significance and because they are entered into your corrective action program, the NRC is treating these violations as non-cited violations consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the NRC Enforcement Policy in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system, ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Michael E. Ernstes, Chief
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