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**SUBJECT: JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT - NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 2-2011-017**

Dear Mr. Lynch:

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Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI did not substantiate the allegations that the Farley security manager was aware that security officers were circumventing search equipment at the entrance to the protected area, and willfully failed to communicate such behavior of the security officers to the licensee as required. We plan no further action with regard to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

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Sincerely,

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region II Field Office, on December 15, 2011, to determine whether a security manager assigned to Farley Nuclear Plant (Farley), Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Birmingham, Alabama was aware that security officers were circumventing search equipment at the entrance to the protected area, and willfully failed to communicate such behavior of the security officers to the licensee as required.

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