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SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDANCE TO NEI 09-05, GUIDANCE
ON THE PROTECTION OF UNATTENDED OPENINGS THAT INTERSECT A
SECURITY BOUNDARY, REVISION 0, DATED NOVEMBER 2012

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The NRC has endorsed and considers NEI 09-05 to be adequate guidance for licensees in determining the protection of unattended openings that intersect a security boundary or area. The NRC staff has reviewed the Supplemental Guidance to NEI 09-05 provided as an attachment to your November 1, 2012, letter. Based on that review, the NRC staff has determined that certain guidance criteria, definitions, and engineering examples contained within the proposed supplement conflict with RIS 2005-04 and existing guidance in NEI 09-05. No technical basis was provided to change the existing guidance. Accordingly, the NRC is not prepared to endorse the supplemental guidance as currently written.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Mr. Russ Felts, of my staff at (301) 415-5211 or via e-mail at Russell.Felts@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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