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Mr. Phillip M. Hooper, Deputy Commissioner  
North Carolina Department of Labor  
Standards and Inspections Division  
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Raleigh, NC 27699-1101

SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FOR THE GENERAL  
ELECTRIC-HITACHI URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITY

Dear Mr. Hooper:

I am proposing for your consideration draft guidance for the protection of certain classified information that may be provided to the North Carolina Department of Labor–Boiler Safety Bureau (NCDOL/BSB) to facilitate your regulatory activities related to the General Electric-Hitachi (GEH) Global Laser Enrichment test loop and the commercial uranium enrichment facility that have been proposed to be located in Wilmington, North Carolina.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recognizes that you have responsibilities for regulating boiler and pressure vessel safety under the Uniform Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act of North Carolina, General Statutes Chapter 95, Articles 7A and 7B, and Administrative Rules North Carolina Administrative Code Title 13, Chapter 13 that may require access to classified information. Due to its unique sensitivity, it is especially important to protect the classified information and technology associated with the GEH facilities.

The enclosed guidance document incorporates comments from your staff and includes important provisions regarding access to, and management of, classified information. This guidance discusses both of our agencies' roles and responsibilities and provides a process for obtaining security clearances and, if needed, a facility clearance permit for storing, handling, and processing classified information at your office. We very much appreciate your assistance in developing and coordinating the enclosed guidance document. If you agree with the guidance in this document, please acknowledge this in a response to this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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If you have any questions regarding the guidance or its implementation of the enclosed guidance, please contact Mr. Brian Smith at 301-287-9088, or via e-mail at [Brian.Smith@nrc.gov](mailto:Brian.Smith@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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