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Mr. Timothy S. Rausch
President and Chief Nuclear Officer
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SUBJECT: NRC INVESTIGATION REPORT NO. 1-2015-018

Dear Mr. Rausch:

This letter refers to the subject investigation by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) conducted at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES) operated by Susquehanna Nuclear, LLC (Susquehanna). The investigation, which was completed on December 3, 2015, involved security matters, including an assertion of improper conduct by a security officer, as identified and reported to the NRC by Susquehanna. Details of the investigation are considered sensitive information and, therefore, are not included in this letter, but are described in the non-public Enclosure 1.

Based on the evidence gathered during the OI investigation, the NRC has concluded that a Severity Level IV violation occurred. The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's Web site at (<http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>). After considering the factors set forth in Section 2.3.2 of the Enforcement Policy, and with the approval of the Director, Office of Enforcement, this issue has been characterized as a non-cited violation (NCV). The NRC notes that Susquehanna has taken immediate corrective actions to address any security-related vulnerability.

A response to this letter is not required. However, if you contest this NCV or its significance, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this letter, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN.: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region I, 2100 Renaissance Boulevard, Suite 100, King of Prussia, PA 19406; the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at SSES. If Security Related Information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please mark your entire response Security-Related Information in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1) and follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1). In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii), the NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response.

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Please note that final NRC investigation documents, such as the OI report described in this letter, may be available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) subject to redaction of information appropriate under FOIA. Requests under the FOIA should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, "Requests for Records," a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

This enforcement action will be administratively tracked under Inspection Report Nos. 05000387/2016404 and 05000388/2016404. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Raymond McKinley at 610-337-5150.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Raymond K. Lorson, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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