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EA-02-025

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**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY RELAXATION OF CERTAIN ORDER ITEMS WITH GOOD CAUSE,
HONEYWELL METROPOLIS WORKS (CAC/DOCKET/EPID NUMBER
000224/04003392/L2018-LLA-0136)**

Dear Mr. Price:

On March 25, 2002, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an Order, EA-02-025 (the Order), which immediately modified Honeywell International, Inc. (Honeywell) Source Materials License, SUB-526, to require compliance with specified interim compensatory safeguards and security measures.

By letter dated January 11, 2018 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession Number ML18023A384), Honeywell notified the NRC regarding its Metropolis Works (MTW) facility's "ready-idle" plant status, and provided a summary of its plans to maintain the plant in a state of readiness and continue supporting minimal on-site operations to ensure a successful restart as business conditions improve. By letter dated April 30, 2018 (ADAMS Accession Number ML18130A565), Honeywell requested, in accordance to Section III. D. of the Order, that the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) temporarily relax certain aspects of EA-02-025 with good cause, thereby allowing Honeywell to relax security measures during MTW's "ready-idle" period.

The NRC staff has evaluated Honeywell's justification supporting its relaxation request to determine whether "good cause" exists, and whether Honeywell's request continues to provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection. Based on its review, the NRC finds that the proposed temporary relaxation to the specific requirements of the Order, contained in Honeywell's April 30, 2018, letter, as supplemented by letter dated October 16, 2018 (ADAMS Accession Number ML18346A494, non-public) to address the NRC staff's request for additional information, dated September 27, 2018 (ADAMS Accession Number ML18270A037), continue to provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection during Honeywell MTW's "ready-idle" period. The NRC finds the temporary relaxation of certain provisions of the Order, as proposed by Honeywell, acceptable, provided that such relaxation is limited to the period during which the MTW facility is in a "ready-idle" plant status. As such, prior to the receipt of greater than 25

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pounds of anhydrous hydrofluoric acid or the formation of liquid uranium hexafluoride, Honeywell must ensure that it is in full compliance with all of the requirements in the Order, EA-02-025, dated March 25, 2002, and report to the Director, NMSS, when it has achieved full compliance with the requirements described in Attachment 1 of the Order.

The enclosure provides the NRC staff's evaluation which contains Safeguards Information, as such, it is being withheld from public disclosure in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390.

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If you have any questions, please contact Margie Kotzalas, by telephone at (301) 415-7298, or via e-mail at Margie.Kotzalas@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Scott W. Moore, Acting Director
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Staff Evaluation (non-public)

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