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Dear Mr. Dixon:

This is in response to your letter of February 4, 1983 which transmitted changes, identified as Amendment 9, to the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station Physical Security Plan.

We have reviewed the submitted changes and have determined that, with the exception of the definition of "once every twelve months," the changes are consistent with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.54(p) and do not decrease the effectiveness of the plan. These changes are, therefore, acceptable. Comments concerning the definition of "once every twelve months" as contained in Revision 9 are enclosed. Until this issue is resolved, you shall continue to use the definition for this phrase as contained in previously approved amendments of the physical security plan.

The enclosures to your letter contain Safeguards Information of a type specified in 10 CFR 73.21 and are being withheld from public disclosure.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Staff Comments

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## COMMENTS ON AMENDMENT 9 OF THE VIRGIL C. SUMMER PHYSICAL SECURITY PLAN

The definition of "once every 12 months" as contained in Amendment 9 of the physical security plan provides for too large of a time frame in which the meet the commitments of the security plan. While it is necessary to allow for scheduling problems for all annual audits, reviews, tests, etc. a 25% increase in the time frame is excessive. However, a 10% increase would be an acceptable deviation.