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Dear Mr. Harrington:

Subject: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station-Safeguards Information Protection Program

This is in response to your letter of March 27, 1984 regarding the Pilgrim Safeguards Information Protection Program.

IE Information Notice No. 82-46 was prepared to advise licensees concerning suspected quality assurance problems being experienced with the Sargent and Greenleaf combination padlock Model 8077A. Several key-operated locks were mentioned as viable alternatives in light of the potential deficiencies in the combination padlocks.

Further investigation showed that there were, in fact, no quality problems with the locks being supplied to the nuclear industry (the back plate replacements for the 1981 models were already in progress). Consequently, there was no need to resort to a key lock substitute.

NRC regulations in 10 CFR 73.2 (mm) and 73.21 continue to require that three position, changeable combination, GSA-approved padlocks be used for storage of Safeguards Information within a protected or controlled access area. This is consistent with current Federal requirements for the protection of Classified National Security Information (see 32 CFR 2001.43, revised July 1, 1983). Only combination padlocks that meet Federal Specification FF-P-110F, "Padlock, Changeable Combination (Resistant to Opening by Manipulation and Surreptitious Attack)" are considered acceptable in satisfying the regulations.

Since there is an explicit regulatory requirement associated with the type of locks to be used, the staff considers the matter closed.

Sincerely,

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