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SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION

Mr. Peter S. Hastings
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SUBJECT: MIXED OXIDE FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY PHYSICAL SECURITY

Dear Mr. Hastings:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing its security regulations and the design basis threat as a result of the events on September 11, 2001, to determine if any changes are necessary. NRC is assessing whether any short-term interim measures are necessary, beyond those currently in effect, until it completes its assessment of potential longer-term impacts.

The staff is aware of Duke Cogema Stone & Webster's (DCS's) keen interest in this subject as it may affect the design basis and the design of the MOX fuel fabrication facility (MOXFFF) that DCS would like to construct at the Savannah River Site in South Carolina. At this time, the staff cannot state whether NRC regulations and/or the design basis threat will be revised, however, we are enclosing the following document in order to keep you abreast of current information on this subject.

Safeguards Advisory for Power Reactors, Decommissioning Reactors, Category 1 Fuel Facilities and Gaseous Diffusion Plants, dated October 6, 2001

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P. Hastings, DCS

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The staff will continue to inform you about developments that may affect the MOXFFF.

Sincerely,

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