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Mr. Steve Redeker, Manager, Plant Closure
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SUBJECT: CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER

Dear Mr. Redeker:

As you are aware, the NRC has advised licensees to maintain a high level of awareness to security-related matters in response to the events that occurred on September 11, 2001. In addition, we have advised licensees of actions they should consider to maintain security of facilities and licensed materials and protect them from a variety of threats. These issues have been discussed with members of your staff during the past few weeks. This letter acknowledges our discussions concerning your Rancho Seco facility related to actions that you have planned or taken in response to those discussions.

Pursuant to telephone conversations between your staff and members of my staff on December 19, 2001, it is our understanding that you have taken or will take actions to make your security program more robust at the Rancho Seco facility. The specific actions taken and planned are documented in your letter dated December 19, 2001, which contains safeguards information and is not available for public review.

Pursuant to Section 182 of the Atomic Energy Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, you are required to:

- 1) Notify me immediately if your understanding differs from that set forth above;
- 2) Notify me if for any reason you cannot complete the actions within the schedule specified in your correspondence, and advise me in writing of your modified schedule in advance of the change; and
- 3) Notify me in writing when you have completed the actions addressed in the correspondence referenced in this Confirmatory Action Letter.

Issuance of this Confirmatory Action Letter does not preclude issuance of an order formalizing the above commitments or requiring other actions on the part of the licensee.

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Sincerely,

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