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Dear Superintendent Dunbar:

I am responding on behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to your letter of January 2, 2002, regarding additional security measures for Highway Route Control Quantity shipments of radioactive materials that NRC issued in an advisory on November 8, 2001. In order to make these additional security measures enforceable, you requested that the NRC implement the provisions in the advisory as regulatory requirements.

In response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, I have directed the NRC staff to re-evaluate the NRC's safeguards and physical protection programs for all civilian nuclear facilities and NRC-regulated radioactive material shipments. Proposed interim compensatory measures (ICMs) applicable to these activities are being developed. These proposed ICMs, which include the NRC advisory recommendations, are currently under review by the Commission. Once approved by the Commission, I expect that the ICMs will be implemented through either an order or some other binding enforceable mechanism. The Commission is also considering revisions to its regulations.

The Commission appreciates your concerns. If you have further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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