

March 18, 2002

Mr. Jim Miller
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Dear Mr. Miller:

I am responding on behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to your e-mail of November 9, 2001, in which you requested restoration of unlimited access to the NRC's Sealed Source and Device Registration (SS&D) web site. Your request was based on the fact that engineers in your company make use of the SS&D data to obtain and review safety features of gauges prior to working on the gauges.

In light of the events of September 11, 2001, the NRC has been evaluating how best to meet the public's right to be informed of agency matters, while at the same time ensuring that sensitive information is kept away from those whose purpose is to attack the vital interests of the U.S. I have delayed responding to your e-mail until we have determined the appropriate balance between openness and security as it relates to the SS&D web site. In that regard, the NRC staff has been evaluating the information available on the SS&D web site to ensure that the information would not be of use to terrorist organizations. That evaluation is now complete and the password protection of the SS&D web site has been removed. As you requested in your e-mail, access to SS&D certificates is now unrestricted.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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