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Mr. Thomas Coutu
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Dear Mr. Coutu:

This letter confirms the discussion between me and Mr. G. Arnt, of your staff to have a Predecisional Enforcement Conference on July 16, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) in the Region III office, Lisle, Illinois. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss an apparent violation of NRC requirements related to 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness-For-Duty (FFD) Program." The NRC Office of Investigation (OI) substantiated that a contract superintendent deliberately failed to take action after receiving information regarding the odor of alcohol on a foreman, and that the superintendent knowingly provided inaccurate information to an OI investigator about the FFD concern that involved the foreman. In addition, NMC is requested to fully evaluate and provide information in its presentation regarding any potential "chilling effect" to any NMC facility because of the FFD issued noted above. The meeting will be closed to public attendance and will be transcribed.

We will gladly discuss any questions you may have concerning this matter.

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Sincerely,

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James R. Creed
Safeguards Program Manager

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cc: D. Graham, Director, Bureau of Field Operations
Chairman, Wisconsin Public Service Commission
State Liaison Officer

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