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Mr. David B. Matthews
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

**SUBJECT: UCS POLICY ON INFORMATION FORMERLY AVAILABLE FROM
THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Dear Mr. Matthews:

We know that included in the many efforts undertaken by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) following last month's attacks is the review of the safeguards information threshold as it applies to records made publicly available. We also know that the NRC has removed certain material from the public arena until this review is completed. Under the circumstances, we fully understand.

We have in our files considerable information obtained from the NRC either via ADAMS, the website, or the Public Document Room prior to September 11th. Some of these files are among the information withdrawn by the NRC from the public arena during its review.

We have been and desire to remain responsible in our use and distribution of information about nuclear safety. If we are notified that the NRC has determined that certain documents, or classes of documents, that were formerly publicly available should be permanently removed from the public arena, we will honor that classification and refrain from using/distributing any copies we obtained. Obviously, we can only use this restraint if we are notified of the results of the NRC's ongoing review.

Therefore, we would appreciate notification—either by individual reply or by receipt of a generic communication—when the NRC determines that the public availability status for specific documents or classes of documents has permanently changed.

Sincerely,

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